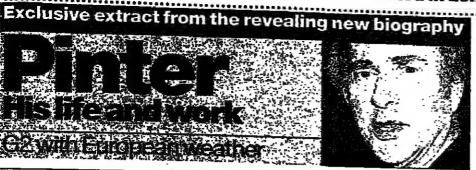
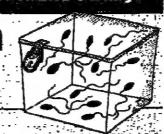
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Disgraced former minister and lobbyist abandon £10m case at last minute

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New evidence halts MP's libel suit

David Hencke, David Leigh and David Palfister

EIL Hamilmer minister, yesterday walked away from a £10 million libel suit against the Guardian over the "cash for questions" scandal hours before the case was due to start

today.

The former Department of Trade and Industry minister abandoned the case and agreed to pay some of the Guardian's costs after a bitter two-year battle in which he recruited 421 Conservative MPs and peers, including Lady Thatcher, Lord Archer and members of the Cabinet to change the law to bring his

Ian Greer, the parliamen-tary lobbyist accused of acting as a middleman for the payments, also dropped his action and agreed to pay some of the paper's costs.

Alan Rusbridger, editor of sion by Neil Hamilton and Ian Greer must be one of the most astonishing legal cave-ins in the history of the law of libel. "Last night, press state-ments issued by both Greer and Hamilton falsely claimed that the Guardian had made

the first settlement offer. It was the last of hundreds of lies both men have told in the course of the case - to the public, the lawyers and (it may be) to each other." The Guardian called last

night for the papers in the case to be examined by the Prime Minister, Sir Gordon Downey, the parliamentary commissioner and the Inland

But today the Guardian reveals for the first time the extent of Mr Hamilton's covert links with Mr Greer and the way money — amounting to tens of thousands of pounds in £50 notes — was passed to the lobbyist and the MP in plain brown envelopes.

We also expose the network of MPs built up by Mr Greer, including Tim Smith, the former minister who resigned after the Guardian first accused him of taking money for asking questions in Par-liament, Sir Michael Grylls, chairman of the backbench trade and industry commit-tee. Sir Peter Hordern, MP for Horsham, and Sir Andrew Bowden, MP for Brighton

The Guardian had subpoenaed John Major and Michael Heseltine to give evidence in the case. This led to the Government handing over documents to the newspaper's law-yers, Geoffrey Robertson, QC and Geraldine Proudler, which were crucial to the action. They were intended to be used in the case to investigate whether Mr Hamilton had disclosed his financial relationship with the Mr Greer, during the inquiry into the affair in 1994 organised by Sir Robin Butler, the

from Mohamed Al Fayed about the payments to the ex-minister and evidence from a former member of Ian Greer's staff about other payments to Mr Hamilton and other MPs. It would also have been the first time a Prime Minister had been asked to give evi-dence in a libel case.

The scale of the trial would have re-opened the whole vexed question of parliamenvaxed question of parliamen-tary sleaze only a year after the Government had made strenuous efforts to bury the issue by implementing the Noisn Committee report and appointing a new Parliamen-tary Commissioner for Stan-dards, Sir Gordon Downey, to handle complaints about im-

handle complaints about improper conduct by MPs.

Mr Rusbridger said last night: "The only possible explanation is that both Hamilton and Greek knew that their stridence the Grandian had evidence the Guardian had compiled to defend the case would have blown his action out of the water and revealed a pattern of parliamentray sleaze more far reaching than we had ever imagined.

"The Guardian has never oubted the truth of its orisi nal story and has refused to be deterred by the repeate attacks on our integrity by Mr Hamilton, Mr Greer and their colleagues. We would have produced utterly damning evidence of Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer's lack of integ-rity if the case had proceeded. No doubt that is why they dropped the action."

Mr Hamilton said: "I am devastated at having now to withdraw from the libel

The reason why I am applying for leave to withdraw is not because I am anything other than totally innocent of the charges made by Mr Fayed, but since a conflict of interest has now arisen between me and my co-plain-tiffs, it has become necessary to each of us to instruct new

solicitors and new counsel. "The consequence of this is that the trial would have had to have been postponed to enable new sets of lawvers to go through the huge volume of papers and prepare the cash afresh at enormously increased cost.

Mr Greer said: "I would want to continue on a matter of principle but I have had to cision and I am happy a com-

A spokesman for Mr Al Fayed said last night said: "The Guardian has been fur-nished with corroborative statments from highly repu-

"Mr Al Fayed was looking forward to giving evidence and was prepared to tell the judge and jury how he had suffered from a widespread political conspiracy. He will besending his papers on the matter to Sir Gordon

Downing Street last night insisted that the end of the libel action was purely a "matter between Mr Hamilton and the Guardian".

The libel trial would have included first hand evidence web, page 9



Neil Hamilton: ended two-year battle by agreeing to pay some of Guardian's costs

Questions for cash. . .

'Sometimes he [Mr Greer] would ask me bluntly whether Mr Al Fayed had his money ready.

Mr Hamilton was as persistent as Mr Greer. if not more so, in asking for his envelope.'

— Mohamed Al Fayed's ex-personal assistant

occasions that prior to a meeting with Mr Hamilton, Mr Al Fayed would make a remark ...that he was coming to collect his money and would prepare an envelope for him with a bundle of £2,500 (in)

notes in my presence.' - Mr Al Fayed's secretary

'I remember on several | 'On at least two occasions when I was sitting at the front desk, an envelope was brought down to me from Mr Al Fayed's office and I was informed that Mr Hamilton would be stopping by to collect the envelope.'

> --- Mr Al Fayed's security man



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Comment

Blustering all the way to a cop-out

SELDOM in the long and chequered history of the libel law can there have been a more humiliating cave in. For two years now Neil Hamilton and Ian Greer have blustered vigorously and noisily about their utter innocence and this paper's utter guilt. Mr Hamilton persuaded his fellow Conservative MPs to overturn 300 years of constitutional history in order to let him have his day in court Possibly without the support of his day in court. Possibly without the support of Sir James Goldsmith this time, he went, cap-in-hand, to solicit backbench contributions to his hand, to solicit backbench contributions to his cause. Barely three weeks ago he issued a boastful press release revealing that he would expose the Guardian's "corruption" and our peddling of "sensational fantasy". Both Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer continued blustering all the way to the court door — and then dropped out.

Their backers in this heroic fight for truth must be curious as to why such a crusade should have been so mutely abandoned at the 11th hour. We can help them. Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer

We can help them. Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer are liars - and both knew they had been found out. The accumulation of evidence that mounted against both men would have been utterly damning had the case ever proceeded. Mr Hamilton, in particular, would have been shown to have lied to virtually everybody who had ever had cause to inquire into his affairs. The case would further have shown that the Guardian's original claims about cash for questions were entirely true - though they represented but the tip of an iceberg. Mr Hamilton was not an isolated bad apple - though he has for many years been earning considerable sums on the back of his parliamentary career via Ian Greer's lobbying firm. A nauseating portrait would have emerged of MPs on the take and of Mr Greer's insidious, spider's web caught up dozens of MPs, high and low. If there are two men more relieved than Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer not to be in court this week, they are surely John Major and Michael Heseltine, no longer required to come and attempt on oath to defend the indefensible.

The ways of the law are curious. During the course of preparing for a libel trial each side is obliged to surrender such papers, accounts and memorandums as may be relevant. They may all be used in court: but if a plaintiff suffers from cold feet at the last minute the papers must all be returned and (presumably) forgotten. So the account of events in the Guardian today is, inevitably, incomplete — a glimpse of a revealed pattern of greed and deception which should be of grave concern to the Prime Minister and all those concerned for parliamentary democracy.
Today we urge Mr Major to call in all the documents. We hope Sir Gordon Downey, the new man now responsible for parliamentary standards, does likewise. The Inland Revenue would certainly find much to interest them. It might even be fruitful for the Director of Public Prosecutions to ask for a set. In any other democracy, MPs who secretly take money from millionaires to advance their causes in Parliament are put behind bars. In Britain, they stand for re-election. That is the simple, staggering truth about a Parliament which connives at corruption under the pretence of defending the privileges of its members.

The British position has been justified by the comfortable theory that Parliament can punish its own miscreants, after an investigation by the Privileges Committee and its report to the House. But the Privileges Committee is a jurisprudential joke. It has no investigative procedures, no legal methods (such as cross-examination) to test for truth. It is the committee of a gentleman's club, with an in-built Government majority, astute only to ensure that those who are caught not disclosing secret payments should be thrashed with a feather.

It is too early to judge what difference the Nolan reforms will make. MPs now have more extensive disclosure duties - a "code of conduct" and a Parliamentary Commissioner to investigate complaints. It is not too early to judge Mr Hamilton. Lord Nolan specified seven qualities needed by an elected MP: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. Mr Hamilton is without a single one. He is not fit to hold office.

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around £11 million.



CORRUPTION N THE COMMONS

The former minister was pocketing cash from two sources

Chain of events that led to the unmasking of 'Mr B' - the MP who collected his pay-offs in Park Lane



October 1994 . . . Neil Hamilton, with his wife Christine, brandishes a biscuit given to him during a school visit and jokes that he will have to register the gift PHOTOGRAPH. IO IN GLES

The rise and fall of a double

David Leigh

ton took as a in envelopes from Mohamed Al Fayed, the owner of Harrods, and "commissions" from the lobbyist lan Greer. The sums added up to tens of thousands of

But when the then DTI Minister was under investigation in 1994 by the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, and the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler, he lied about these financial with a bundle of \$2,500 in

relationships.
Staff at the Park Lane of-Staff at the Park Lane of-fices of Mr Al Fayed say they remember Neil Hamilton. Harrods camp — he was col-Lane quite often to see Mr Al Fayed," one says, "usually

whether his envelopes were | Hamilton in his series of par- | Greer. He had narrowly es-

prepared by Mr Al Fayed in 1987 shortly before a free trip to the Ritz Hotel in Paris, which the tycoon had arranged for Mr Hamilton and than £2,000 and was left at the reception desk at Park Lane. Mr Al Fayed's staff have

signed witness statements de-scribing how Mr Hamilton collected these envelopes. One records: "Prior to a meeting with Mr Hamilton, Mr Al Fayed would make a remark

lecting £5,000 in cash per quarter on top of the £25,000 a

Fayed's behalf, during his tycoon Tiny Rowland of Lonrho had persuaded DTI

liamentary letters, meetings

and questions on Mr Al

He used to make phone tycoon

caped exposure for this once during a Privileges Commit-tee inquiry in 1989. But the truth was finally bound to come out if Mr Ham-

liton's libel trial went ahead. There was a covert financial relationship between the two men that went back a

long way. In 1984, the recently elected Conservative MP had been compaigning in Parlia-ment to retain lead in petrol. The company which made the lead additive, Associated

Octel, had some workers in Mr Hamilton's constituency. Mr Greer to lobby for them. At the time, Mr Hamilton denied indignantly that cash from Mr Greer was involved.

"I have never received a owner wanted to persuade the authorities to investigate is solely to try and save jobs for my constituents." Mr Fayed," one says, "usually spear which isn Greer Assoabout once every four to six weeks."

He would phone, too, in the period around 1987, asking saking one says, "usually spear which isn Greer Associates Ltd was invoicing Harrods for the lobbying account. The purpose of the payments was to encourage Mr secret payments from Mr of the money and free trips that Mr Al Fayed could be persuaded to give him directly, the MP also took parliament." He went on:
"We have not had MPs as ad-

pany ... if for no other good reason than one has a subthe House of Commons, and it

is unnecessary to do so".

But Mr Greer had already paid one Labour MP, Walter Johnson, who gave help in the Associated Octel campaign. And the following year, he was to start paying MPs again. Mr Greer was hired to lobby for British Airways, which was fighting plans to reduce its monopoly

Mr Greer started giving money in 1985 to Tory MP Sir Michael Grylls, who had pro-posed to the BA chairman, Lord King, that Ian Greer As-

Mr Greer was later to admit o an MPs' committee that he had made payments to certain MPs. But although Sir Michael Grylls's name was confirmed, the identity of a second MP who had been getting money remained a secret. Mr Greer refused to A witness for the Guardian identify him other than as MP has now given a statement

ladder imediately after that report came out. At the end of He first took

Greer's

money

Thatcher to become a govern-

anonymously described in the

Mr Hamilton placed his first foot on the ministerial

published in July 1990.

In time, he was further pro moted by John Major to be-

ter at the DTI.

Mr Greer at the relevant dates. It has thus come to light that MP "B" was Mr Hamilton

On Mr Greer's own admissions in 1990, the MP had first started receiving money in 1986. He had deliberately never declared his financial relationship with Ian Greer on the Register of Members Interests. Nor did he declare it to ministers when lobbying on behalf of Mr Greer's

Nor did Mr Hamilton truthfully disclose the financial relationship with Mr Greer during the official investigation into his conduct after the Guardian article of October 1994 which first revealed he getting questions

A prime minsterial anement by Mr Major to the House at the time detailed the account Mr Hamilton gave of his financial dealings. It is clear from that statement

that no acknowledgment was

Lobby links turned

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ceived his departmental boss. the Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine. He also de ceived the Prime Minister. the Chief Whip, Richard Ryder, and the Cabinet Secretary, Sir Robin Butler.
The accounts, bills and can

celled cheques of Ian Green Associates for the years from 1986, together with Neil Hamilton's bank accounts and tax returns, will tell the story of the successive payments MP "B" received, and the form in which they came.

by Sir Robin and those of Mr Major's principal private sec-retary, Alex Allan, will reveal the truth in 1994 when he

came under investigation. These documents are in the hands of Mr Hamilton and his lawyers. They would have been produced in open court at the trial — if it had taken

Midnight meeting where bluff began

THE LEGAL BATTLE

'He was handed pearl-handled revolver and refused it'

Brian Whitaker

opportunity. Neil Hamil-ton had won a libel case before and he could do it again. When he sued the BBC in 1983 they had coughed up \$20,000 damages, plus \$235,000 costs, without even presenting their own side of the case

He was confident that the Guardian would cave in just as easily — so confident that be told Tory colleagues the damages he expected were his "pension fund".

His wife, Christine, was equally chirpy. "Together we can take on anyone," she told an interviewer. "We took on suing the Guardian. John the BBC and we're taking on Major was due to make a the Guardian. We've done it statement in the Commons

prepared."
In fact, they were not pre-pared at all. Mr Hamilton had been on the take for years but had been careless in covering his tracks. He concealed it for a time by declaring only a fraction of it in the register of

ber 19, 1994, word of The Guardian's article alleging paid to ask parliamentary questions on behalf of House of Fraser spread rapidly through Westminster as early paper began to arrive. Richard Ryder, the Conservative Chief Whip, confronted Mr Hamilton about the story and was less than satisfied.

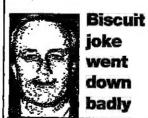
At a meeting in the Cabinet Office next morning, Mr the Cabinet Secretary, raised the allegations with Mr Hamilton, who again tried to bluff it out. He would certainly have been obliged to resign immediately if he admitted placed him in another difficulty as he came under pressure to prove his words by

before, so we're much better | that afternoon and wanted to | "business as usual" facade. know Mr Hamilton's inten-tions. Mr Ryder and Sir Robin eft him alone to consider his future. "He was handed the pearl-handled revolver and refused to use it," one cabinet source said later. Mr Hamilton called Peter Carter-Ruck, members' interests and, if prominent libel lawyer, necessary, by lying. Towards midnight on Octoand instructed him to issue writ against the Guardian.

In his constituency next day, Mr Hamilton visited Wilmslow High School where, in the kitchens, someone presented him with a home-made ginger biscuit. He waved the biscuit in front of the press and announced he would be declaring it as a gift in the register of memtook a dim view of this frivolity from a government

A second gaffe followed when Mr Hamilton issued a press statement defending his cision to fight a libel action while still holding govern-ment office. He pointed out that Mr Major had sued Scallywag magazine without anyone suggesting he should resign as prime minister. The tatement implied to some that Mr Hamilton was likening himself to Mr Major.
The following week Mr

inaugurating a Local Business Partnership scheme at Bexhill, East Sussex. While driving from Bexhill to a Chamber of Commerce lunch near Gatwick, he received a moning him back to London He arrived at the Cabinet Office to face new allegations and an invitation to resign.



joke went down badly

These allegations were un-connected with the Guardian's article. According to press reports they concerned Hamilton's connections with Mobil Oil and his short-lived directorship of the financially disastrous Plateau Mining company. This proved to be

the last straw.
In the wake of his resignation, Mr Hamilton continued to protest his innocence. But his desire to "clear his name" Hamilton maintained his through the courts was ini-

Freedom of Speech and De-bates or Proceedings in Parlyament ought not to be impeached or questioned in any court of place out of Parlya-ment." Normally this works to the benefit of MPs, allow-

ing them to speak freely in Parliament — even to the ex-tent of making defamatory statements — without the risk of being sued. But because Mr Hamilton's

conduct in Parliament had been the central issue in the Guardian's story, it also meant that most of the paper's evidence would be inedmissible in court. At a preliminary hearing in July last year, Mr Justice May accepted this argument

and ruled that the case should be stayed. The outcome worried a number of MPs besides Mr Hamilton, who feared it would grant newspapers carte blanche to publish defamatory articles about their parliamentary activities. About the same time a new

Defamation Bill was passing through parliament, designed to make minor reforms to the libel law. An amendment was tagged on to the bill which allowed individual MPs to waive parliamentary privi- bluffing game was over.

in handsome profit tiolly thwarted by a 300-year-old law. Article 9 of the 1689 Bill of Rights states: "The bill with its amend-

came law in last month and Mr Hamilton, having waived his privilege, resumed the At a hearing in mid-August

October 1 was set as the start ing date for what, at the time was expected to be a four On the Guardian's side, the Bill of Rights continued to

cause some anxiety because, although Mr Hamilton had waived his own privilege, it was not clear whether the paper would be allowed to mention other MPs who had been paid by Ian Greer and/ or Mohamed Al Fayed. These included Tim Smith, who had been named alongside Mr Hamilton in the Guardian's original article and had resigned his ministerial post as a result, but who was refus-

ing to waive his privilege. Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer had not, perhaps, expected the Guardian would subpoena

the Prime Minister, his deputy and others to support their case. When the first batch of subpoenaed documents arrived from Downing Street, Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer realised that their

COMPANIES AND QUESTIONS

OON after he became an MP in 1983, Neil Hamil-ton linked up with lan Greer, one of the country's top lobbyists. The pair had a profitable relationship, with Mr Hamilton regularly asking questions in the House and lobbying ministers for Mr

included: ☐ Firm: Harrods Fayed sought help in battle

Status: Hamilton was paid cash in envelopes plus free Ritz stay in Paris. Greer was paid £25,000 fees p.a. plus cash

Parliamentary action: Hamilton saw Ministers, wrote letters, and asked parliamentary questions (PQs). Between 1985 and 1989 he asked eight PQs and early day motions which were all beneficial to Mohamed Al Fayed and the Harrods Group. The questions and early day motions ranged from asking Michael Howard to reply to letters sent to him by Al Fayed in February 1987 to applauding the withdrawal of a proposed motion by Clare Short

condemning Harrods treatment of their staff. ☐ Firm: National Nuclear Corporation (NNC) Aim: Sought government orders to design nuclear

power stations. Based in Hamilton's own constituency. Status: Hamilton was paid (declared 1987). Greer's firm

Parliamentary action: Hamilton made three speeches in 1987 urging Sizewell nuclear power station go-ahead and praising the NNC

☐ Firm: US Tobacco Inc. Aim: Sought to block gov-ernment health ban on their chewing tobacco, Skoal

Status: Hamilton was paid "finder's fee" 1988 (not declared). Hamilton got free trip to US

Greer's firm was paid. Parliamentary action: Hamilton wrote to health minister Ray Whitney on behalf of Skoal Bandits in May 1986. He proposed an amendment to the Finance Bill on June 13 1989 concerning oral snuff. On December 20 1989he put down an early day motion, calling for the ban, which had finally

been imposed, to be annulled.

□ Firm: Mobil Oil Aim: Under Monopolies Commission investigation Oct 1988-Feb 1990 as part of in-quiry into petrol station

Status: Hamilton was paid Parliamentary activity: Asked parliamentary question about Liquefied Petro-leum Gas, May 9 1989 — Firm: Alcohol industry

Aim: Sought to block Merg-ers and Monopolies Commission (MMC) recommendations to sell off tied pubs. Status: Hamilton paid regular cash by Brewers Society (declared 1984-90)

industry and rejecting MMC report. ☐ Firm: Plateau Mining

Aim: Mining company floated on Stock Exchange in January 1990.

Status: As a consultant with the National Association of Licensed Open-cast Opera-tors, Hamilton was invited to join the board in the same month to lend credibility.

TIM SMITH

Hard-earned front bench career ended with admission in resignation letter to Major: 'Mr Al Fayed paid me fees



David Pallister

APRESENT of two teddy bears in the register of MPs' interests was the only indication of a business relationship between the member for Beaconsfield. But Tim Smith had been an energetic asker of parliamentary questions on behalf of Monamed Al Fayed during his bitter battle with Tiny Row-

land over the ownership of the House of Fraser. The two had met at a Commons function organised by the lobbyist Ian Greer. Between October 1987 and January 1989 he tabled 17 ques-tions. Suspicions might have tion letter to John Major. peen aroused then; the former | Al Fayed paid me fees." Like

for assiduously placing questions for his declared consultancies.

In four years from 1987 he tabled more than 100, at a cost of about £10,000, to glean in-formation for his client Price Waterhouse. In two days in March 1988 he put down 58 questions alone. When the Guardian first began investigating the lobby-

ing of Ian Greer Associates in

1993 he denied receiving any payments from Mr Al Fayed. "That's not true," he said. But a year later, after the Guardian had published the cash-for-questions allegations against him and Neil Hamilton, he wrote in his resigna-

accountant had a reputation | the expert accountant he is, | specialist, led him naturally he said he declared them on his tax returns. Mr Smith's resignation as the junior Northern Ireland

> front bench career that took an age to acquire.
>
> Educated at Harrow and Oxford, he became an MP in a 1977 byelection when he won the Labour stronghold of Ashfield in Nottinghamshire with a swing of 20.9 per cent and a

majority of 264. Ashfield reverted to Labour in 1979 but Mr Smith reentered parliament in 1982 for the affluent Buckinghamshire constituency, one of the safest in the House. His Labour opponent was a young hopeful

His early years as a tax

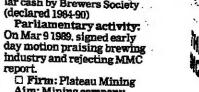
called Tony Blair.

to acquire a batch of consultancies in the financial field: the British Insurance and Investment Brokers' Associaminister at 47, ended a brief tion, the Commodity Trader's Group. Lloyds Group Union and the British Venture Capital Association.

During the late eighties he was twice on the Conservative MPs' trade and industry committee, the interface between business and ministers that ian Greer so carefully cultivated.

Despite this embarrassment, Mr Smith has been partially rehabilitated. Last year, he was appointed to the public accounts committee, the key auditing body which examines probity in government spending.





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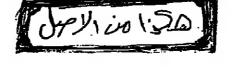
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Salary: Up to £10,000. Resigned in September 1990, two months after joining Government. Company's share price crashed in 1992 after losses of £11m. Four men associated with the company now charged with fraud in other similar inflated flota-

Research by Jamie Wilson and Jane Mulholland





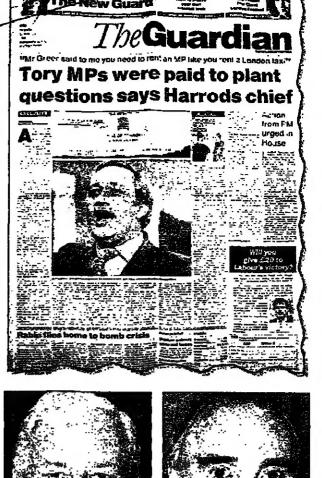
CORRUPTION IN THE COMMONS

Five MPs paid by £3.5m firm besieged Parliament on client's behalf

Political lobbyist who controlled system that reached deep into corridors of power and influence







act caught in web of greed

David Leigh

acknowledged doyen of the political lobbying business, has worked for some of Britain's best-known names, among them British Airways, Coca-Cola and the Philip Mor-

ris cigarette firm. The 63-year-old's firm at its height employed a staff of 50, and had expanded its lobbying activities to Brussels and Eastern Europe. With a turnover of £3.5 million in 1995. Greer was personally making 2300,000 a year in pay and

He is the son of a Salvation Army officer and worked as a Conservative Party agent beilton, a young former Monday

Committee, were assembled by Ian Greer to lobby on be-half of his client, the owner of Harrods, Mohamed Al Fayed.

The Greer MPs' group, in which Mr Hamilton was prominent, wrote letters, asked parliamentary questions and went in delegations servants believed they were dealing with representatives of back-bench opinion, every one of the group of five was in fact being paid.

□ Sir Michael Grylls, the

committee chairman Sir Michael was receiving repeated cash payments from Mr Greer. These were de-scribed by him to the Memquiry in 1990 as commissions

Members Interests □ Tim Smith, committee

The MP for Beaconsfield



lobbied eastern Europe

from Al Fayed himself during the Greer-Al Fayed lobbying recorded on his income tax

is the way that a group of up | Mohamed Al Fayed was | in 1994, Smith, who had by | and when he contacted ministonius | the chairman, the vice-chairman | Sir Michael did not declare | mitted it to the Prime Minister, adad was in Al Fayed's pay. | Andrew Bowden MP

☐ Neil Hamilton, committee secretary, and later vice-Hamilton was receiving

payments from Greer from 1986 onwards, which he never declared. He also had from Al free holiday with his wife at the luxury Ritz Hotel in Paris, during which they ordered champagne every night. He also received, Mr Al Fayed says, a large quantity of cash from him. in envelopes.

Sir Peter Hordern MP

Hordern, MP for Horsham was paid regular sums by Al Fayed. He arranged and ac-companied the deputations to Ministers by Grylls, Smith and Hamilton, Unlike the

was in Al Fayed's pay.

□ Andrew Bowden MP
Bowden, Conservative MP

for marginal Brighton Kemptown, was recruited by Greet to join the "Al Fayed group" between February and July 1967. He was paid 25,000, Mr.

Al Fayed says, for his lobbying work at Westminster.

What the committee did With the help of documents released by Harrods, the Guardian was able to dis-cover the story of how the group of paid Tory MPs were organised to lobby for the firm's owner, bombarding ministers with letters, questions, parliamentary motions. delegations, and attacks on Al Fayed's rival at Lonrho, Tiny

Greer, who organised them, ould claim a certain amount complied fully with existing of political success: one intents were finally revealed, Ministers agreed to take no action against Al Fayed. Hamilton can be seen on

the record, asking a parlia-mentary question on Febru-

was eventually completed, the

Government blocked its pub-

lication; and when its con-



early day motion on March 10 1987 deploring parliamentary

One of the more damning pieces of evidence the Guard-ian intended to present at Club enthusiast, at the end of the 70s, through the Tory MP Michael Grylls.

One of the most disturbing aspects of the Hamilton case

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Commons rules. He declared in the Members' Interests into Al Fayed after protests about conflicts of interest, and Hordern.

Greer had initially made to the MPs who were lobbying into Al Fayed after protests about conflicts of interest, about conflicts of interest, and Hordern.

Hamilton wrote to the Stock Exchange chairman, Sir Nicholas Goodison, urging him to investigate Al Fayed's enemies, the Lonrho company. Hamilton described himself writing "as vice-chairman of the Conservative and Industry

He then sent a copy of the letter to Al Fayed on July 28 1987, writing: "I have now been elected Secretary of the Conservative Finance Committee and Vice Chairman." mittee and Vice-Chairman of the Trade and Industry Committee, all of which gives me a etter position from which to act on your behalf."
On July 29 1987, Hamilton

and Hordern met DTI minister David Young and lobbied on Harrods' behalf.

Shortly afterwards, Hamilton invited himself to stay at the Ritz with his wife Christine, a "private" offer that

On his return, Hamilton wrote to the DTI on November 21 1987, pleading Fayed's case in the on-going DTI in-quiry. On December 14 1987, Michael Grylls, Hordern and Smith went in a delegation to the ministry to lobby further. Hamilton was unable to join the group for once, and wrote

profuse apologies to Al Fayed. Hamilton wrote to the DTI again on January 28 1988, and tabled two more parliamen-tary questions on May 27 1988 quiry. On July 12 1988, Hamilton tabled an early day mo-tion condemming "libellous and vicious propaganda" against Mr Al Fayed, and stepped up the pressure with another letter on July 29 1988. He continued to send letters and make parliamentary interventions on Al Fayed's be-half until December 6 1989. when he wrote to the Home Secretary pressing for action against two police officers he named and accused of leaking an uncomplimentary DT report about Mr Al Faved.

'He was persistent in asking for his envelope' Settlement represents

WITNESSES

Thousands of pounds in cash assistant to Mr Ai Fayed at his Park Lane office from 1981 handed over at Park Lane office

HREE long-standing employees of Harrods owner Mohamed Al ness statements prepared for the libel action that Neil Hamilton regularly collected envelopes containing thousands of pounds in cash from Mr Al Fayed's Park Lane office.

The Personal Assistant NEIL Hamilton persistently asked for money from Mo-hamed Al Fayed and would visit his Mayfair office in person to collect envelopes stuffed with banknotes, ac-cording to Mr Al Fayed's former personal assistant. Before a trip with his wife

to the Ritz Hotel in Paris, Mr Hamilton had collected between £2,000 and £3,000 in cash from Mr Al Fayed's office, the former assistant claims in her statement.

The statement of the come by to pick it up. She had seen Mr Al Fayed fill the envelopes with money personally. "If no envelope was ready, I would inform Mr Al Fayed of Wald inform Mr Al Fayed of Mr Hamilton's call and Mr Al Fayed of the come by to pick it up. The woman, who now

works for a London law firm was employed as a personal assistant to Mr Al Fayed at to 1994. In the mid-eighties she met lobbyist lan Greer, who she understood was retained as an adviser to Mr Al Fayed after the acquisition of the House of Fraser. In addition to invoiced payments, Mr Greer would receive sums of £5,000 in cash quarterly, and would, she claims, phone to ask whether Mr Al Fayed

had left an envelope for him.
"Mr Hamilton was as per-sistent, if not more so, in asking for his envelope," she says in her statement. "He would sometimes say he was stopping by at very short notice to pick up the

envelope."

The former assistant said that from 1987 onwards, Mr Hamilton phoned the Park Lane office on numerous oc-casions to ask whether his envelope was ready and would | Park Lane.

personally.
"If no envelope was ready, I would inform Mr Al Fayed of Mr Hamilton's call and Mr Al Fayed would, in my presence, place cash in an envelope for me to arrange for delivery to Mr Hamilton or instruct me to get an envelope and place Mr Hamilton. This happened on several occasions.

She also recalled the occasion when Mr Hamilton phoned to say that Mr Al Fayed said he should visit the Ritz Hotel in Paris and that his wife, Christine, would be in touch to make the neces-

sary arrangements.
"Mrs Christine Hamilton telephoned me and told me the dates they intended to travel to Paris. I then booked a room at the hotel for the

Hamiltons."
"Prior to Mr Hamilton's departure for Paris, Mr Al Fayed asked me to leave an envelope containing between £2,000 and £3,000 ... Mr Ham-ilton collected the envelope from the reception desk at 60



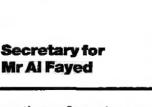
Mohamed Al Fayed

MOHAMED Al Fayed prepared bundles of banknotes to the value of £2,500 before vis-its from Neil Hamilton, one of the phone. They also met at Mr Al Fayed's secretaries recalls in her statement. She says the Conservative MP was a "frequent visitor" to Mr Al Fayed's Park Lane

The Park Lane meetings be-

'Mr Al Fayed phoned me from Harrods and told me to bring £5,000 in cash as he was expecting Mr Hamilton to meet him there'

Secretary for



one time as frequent as several times a month, she claims, and the two men

Harrods.
"I remember on several occasions that prior to a meeting with Mr Hamilton, Mr Al Fayed would make a remark to the effect that he was com-ing to collect his money and

"I also remember an occa

tween the two men were at | would prepare an envelope | occasion when I left an enve-

for him with a bundle of £2,500 notes in my presence." states the secretary who has worked for Mr Al Fayed since

sion when Mr Al Fayed tele-phoned me from Harrods and

Christine Hamilton

told me to bring £5,000 in cash as he was expecting Mr Ham-ilton to meet him there," she adds. "There was at least one

reception at 60 Park Lane for collection by Mr Neil

☐ The Security Man NEIL Hamilton would collect envelopes from the front desk at Mr Al Fayed's Park Lane office, according to a security officer who has worked for Mr Al Fayed for 16 years. Ian Greer would also come to the office to pick up envelopes, he

"On at least two occasions when I was sitting at the front desk, an envelope was brought down to me from Mr Al Fayed's office and I was inwould be stopping by to col-lect the envelope," he says in

his statement.
"On each of these occasions, Mr Hamilton came per sonally to the front desk and told me his name and then asked if I had an envelope for him. Because I recognised Mr

Hamilton, I would hand over the envelope to him." The security officer recalls: "lan Greer also appeared at the front desk occasionally

asking for an envelope." He would hand envelopes to him.

personal bankruptcy were said to be considering judicial

of the bankruptcy trustee gave evidence to the seven day hearing confirming that he had called in his solicitor after failing to obtain answers

replies, he had written: "Typi-

After retiring for four hours, the High Court jury returned a majority verdict of 10 to two in favour of the Guardian.

stimated at £300,000.

THE NOLAN INQUIRY

Sleaze inquiry side-stepped main issues of Ritz bill and cash for questions allegations amid rowing and claims of favouritism



Westminster Correspondent

IVE days after the Guard-ian revealed that Neil Hamilton and Tim Smith had been paid thousands of pounds by the Harrods owner, Mohamed Al Fayed, to ask parliamentary questions, John Major announced the setting up of the Nolan Com-

mittee to investigate sleaze. What followed in Parliament and during the Nolan Committee hearings last year was designed to smother rather than reveal the circumstances surrounding the payments and the details of Mr Hamilton's six-day stay at

to examine a complaint against Mr Hamilton brought by Alex Carlile, Liberal Democrat MP for Montgomery. The Commons Privileges

Committee decided to examine another complaint against Peter Preston, then editor in chief of the Guardian, for using a "cod fax" to verify the stay of another minister, Jonathan Aitken, at the Ritz But none of the committees carried out a proper investigation. The Members' Interests

Committee, chaired by Tory grandee and former broadcaster, Sir Geoffrey Johnson-Smith, already had an inglorious history in this area. the Ritz Hotel, Paris. owned by Mr Fayed.

During an inquiry into parliamentary lobbying in 1989, it The Nolan Committee's own allowed Ian Greer to keep

scandal. Instead, the Memory from Mr Greer was to examine a complaint Neil Hamilton.

The MPs who received mittee to protest about Mr the first time detailed payments to Mr Hamilton. They ments to Mr Hamilton. They ments to Mr Hamilton. They ments to Mr Hamilton. Within a month of starting the inquiry into the Ritz stay

and cash payments, the comnewly appointed member, Government whip Andrew Mitchell, argued that none of the witnesses need be called. Labour MPs were livid that a Government Whip had been

appointed who appeared to be more interested in protecting Mr Hamilton than getting to the bottom of the issue. Mr Mitchell was the son of former transport minister, Sir David Mitchell, who gave Mr Hamilton his first leg-up to political office by appointing him his "bag carrier" — or unpaid Parliamentary Pri-

vate Secretary.

because of the impending libel action started by Mr Hamilton against the Guardian. As a result Labour MPs refused to sign the report and walked out. The final report signed only by Tory MPs found he should have declared the hotel stay but pro-

posed no penalties. The action moved to the Privileges Committee, which again tried to limit its inquiry solely to a complaint brought against Peter Preston over the use of a "cod fax".

But here MPs succeeded in calling Mr Al Fayed. Mem-

banned from the committee. these had been sent to Sir It still refused to take evi-dence from Mr Al Fayed or inyear previously and nothing had been done about it. vestigate the cash payments

But again the committee decided to keep the evidence secret because of the impending libel trial and without the last-minute intervention from David Alton, Liberal Democrat MP for Liverpool, Mossley Hill, the papers would have disappeared from view when both committees were wound up as a result of the

Nolan report. It was only his initial refusal to sign the final report which led a reluctant Tony Newton, chairman and Leader of the House of Commons, to pass the papers to the new parliamentary Commissioner for Standards. Sir

represents second libel victory over a senior Conservative

Owen Bowcott

YESTERDAY'S settlement of Neil Hamilton's case sents the newspaper's second libel victory against a senior member of the Conservative Party within the last 18

In January last year, Paul Judge, director general of the Conservative Party, lost his claim that he had been defamed by a report on delays in accounting for political dona-tions from the fugitive businessman Asil Nadir. The High Court case fol-

lowed an article on the Guardian's front page in September 1993, which al-leged that Conservative Cen-tral Office was guilty of "ob-struction" and "old tricks" in failing to respond speedily to accountants' inquiries. The trustees in Mr Nadir's

proceedings to force Central Office to reply to their inqui-ries about £440,000 given to the party by the Turkish Cyp-1990. In court, Neil Cooper, one

from Mr Judge. On one of the Central Office

cal delaying tactics". Mr Cooper agreed that, as stated in the newspaper article, he felt he had no further alternative but to commence legal proceedings.

Mr Judge was also ordered to pay both sides' legal costs,

Richard Norton-Taylor on a wartime embarrassment

Wodehouse 'an ass rather than a traitor'

G WODEHOUSE, creator of Jeeves and Bertie Wooster, was a "silly ass" with no political sense, whose broadcasts to the US from Germany during the second world war were the actions of a vain and selfish man rather than a traitor, as his detractors

This judgment by a Home Office official was revealed yesterday when secret documents, including voluntinous MI5 files, were released at the Public Record Office. The records show how the most English of comic writers was a huge embarrassment to the government desperate to prevent him returning to his na-

However, they also reveal that Wodehouse and his wife, Ethel, received substantial payments from the Germans during the war. One report refers to a description of him in a Gestapo file in Paris as

"the English Goethe".
"Although I imagine his political intelligence and perhaps his knowledge of opin-ion in this country is very limited, I should think he must know enough to be aware that his position here will be to say the least unpleasant." an exasperated Home Office official told the home secretary. Herbert Mor-

"If the rat has enough intelligence to leave the sinking ship. I should suspect he must have enough intelligence not to put himself within the jaws of the British mastiff." said, anticipating a public clamour for Wodehouse to be tried for treason. Such a trial. he said, would be "too big a hammer for the cracking of

they are," said Morrison in a handwritten note.

Berlin calling

WODEHOUSE recorded five broadcasts in Berlin in 1941, which he described as "purely comic in tone". The following are extracts.

"They sent us off to the local lunatic asylum at Tost in Upper Silesia . . . There is a good deal to be said for internment . . . It keeps you out of the saloon . . . You also get a lot of sleep."
"There was a camp order

that ran, 'When internees are standing in groups, the first to see an officer must shout, 'Achtung' . . . A man can have a lot of quiet fun by shouting 'Achtung' and watching his friends reach for the seams of their tropsers and assume an erect bearing, when there is not an officer within miles".

"One lives on potatoes and rumours . . . a rumour a day kept depression away, so they served their purpos ... Germany at that time was like the old woman who lived in a shoe. She had so many adopted children that she didn't know what to do

with them."

A year later, another unidentified Home Office official noted that Wodehouse could excuse himself by saying he made the broadcasts, not to help the enemy, but "for purely personal and egotisti-

The official added: "I agree with the view that PGW is a person without politcial sense, who lives in a world of | 1947. his own, and is only interested in creating humourous characters and incidents to lease himself and his bookbuying public. He was a 'silly ass' and a 'selfish ass' to by Harold Wilson in 1975, and broadcast, but there seems no died a month later, aged 94.

point in trying to charge such an ass with treason."

The picaresque saga began in Le Touquet in May 1940 when Plum, as Wodehouse was known, and his wife, Ethel, were arrested by the

Wodehouse was sent to a camp in Upper Silesia which provided the material for his essentially whimsical broadcasts — before he and his wife were put up at the quently they moved to the opilent Hotel Bristol in Paris.

The Home Office permanent secretary, Sir Frank Newsam, took the view that the broadcasts "would never have been arranged unless the Nazis had thought that it would benefit them". Wode-house insisted in a letter to Sir Anthony Eden, the foreign secretary, that "I was guilty of nothing more than a blunder . . . It was an insane thing to do".

The papers reveal the fury of Duff Cooper, appointed British ambassador to France in October 1944, when he heard that Wodehouse and wife were staying at the Hotel Bristol, an establish-ment, Cooper noted, that was

the diplomatic corps.

A British diplomat cabled ondon: "We do not want Mr W here". Morrison replied: Wodehouse should stay in Wodehouse was briefly an

rested by the French as a collaborator. He was released in January 1945 and moved to Long Island, New York, in A Whitehall official noted that he was glad to see "a

source of embarrassment



PG in Berlin . . . The creator of Jeeves with German official Hugo Speck on June 26, 1941, the day he agreed to broadcast to the US, and below, the Home Office's judgment on the prospects of Wodehouse returning to his native land

avoid coming to Great Britain. If the rat has enough intolligence to leave the sinking bidy I should support he must have enough intelligence not to pot himself within the james

Survivor Harman Maze anger wecutive puts loyalist ceasefire in jeopardy

reland Correspondent

HE LOYALIST cease fire in Northern Ire ance last night after more than 100 Maze prisoners withdrew support for the

The Ulster Defence Association and Ulster Freedom representatives of their politi-cal wing, the Ulster Democratic Party, to the prison yes terday afternoon.
The UDA prisons spoke

man John White said the de-cision left the the ceasefire, which will be two years old in a fortnight's time, in "dire crisis". Inmates believed that the Stormont all-party talks were going nowhere and that the IRA was using paramilitary action as a tactic alongside the peace process.

The inmates were quite

clear that they were going to withdraw their support from the ceasefire. "This is causing us great concern because of the very important role they played in brokering the loyalist ceasefire. This is the most critical point we have come to," Mr White said. The party chairman, Joe

English, said he was saddened but not surprised by the news. "It's mainly due to the manipulation of the peace process by Sinn Fein/IRA who, putting all the theory aside have in practice been continuing the war.

It is not known how Ulster Volunteer Force prisoners will respond, but one insider said that it was far from certain that they would follow suit immediately.

However the consequences could be catastrophic, with loyalists and republicans restarting the cycle of vio-lence from which the province has been largely free since September 1994. The support of loyalist pris-

mers just 72 hours before their ceasefire was called in October 1994 was critical. There wouldn't have been a easefire without them," said senior lovalist last night. Enthusiasm for the cease-

fire has ebbed as promises of early releases faded and the political direction taken by the British government was perceived as moving towards a nationalist agenda. Since the IRA ceasefire ended in February more and more loyalists have been questioning own cessation.

With every perceived "con-cession" — from the fixing of a date for the commencement of all party talks to even the funding of a Gaelic-language school in west Belfast — the by the belief that violence was yet again reaping its reward. In the aftermath of the seri-

ous civil unrest created by

the Orange stand-off at Drumcree this summer, the Con-bined Loyalist Military Conmand — the umbrella leadership group — ordered two hardliners, Billy Wright and Alex Kerr, to leave Northern Ireland or face "summary justice". Some loyalists who share the two men's views be lieve that the leadership had merely delayed the inevitable return to the campaign of

· Renegade republicans were yesterday accused of attempt ing to blow up the centre of Belfast as police confirmed that a car bomb which was detonated by the security forces on Sunday evening contained 250lb of home-made

A republican splinter groun calling itself the Irish Continuity Army sbandoned the car near the centre of Belfast. There were two phone warnings to a newspaper without a recognised codeword.

Details of the Belfast car bomb emerged as David Trimleader, accused John Major of making gestures to get Sinn Fein into talks. The British were adopting a Dublin agenda in trying to "bury the decommissioning issue.

The announcement ends several weeks of optimism that the UUP and the SDLP mula which would lead to substantive talks.

tle declar

 Four men appeared in at Belmarsh magistrates' court south-east London, yesterday charged with conspiring to cause an explosion likely to endanger life or cause serious damage to property, and pos McHugh, Patrick Pearse Joseph Kelly, James Murphy and Michael Phillips were

Duchess of York turns to lawyers as tapes lay bare her varied sex life and hatred of royals

Vivek Chaudhary

AWYERS representing the ■Duchess of York are considering legal action to halt further publication of taped ations in which she reveals details about her sex life, financial problems and her views on the royal family.

Extracts from the tapes which contain personal coness and psychic healer Vasso tabloid newspapers over the past few days. The tapes are also being played on premium

0891 phone line numbers. Lawyers from Schilling and Lom, which represents the duchess, spent most of yester-day formulating their

They are also believed to be planning legal action against the book The Duchess of York, Uncensored, which is

Kortesis, have been carried in | reveals further details of their | ing that he hopes his martabloid newspapers over the | private conversations. | riage can be saved. Ms Korte-The book contains allega-

tions that the duchess had sex with former lover Steve Wyatt while she was five months pregnant and that she first wondered if her mar-riage to Prince Andrew had the wedding.

The tapes also feature conversations between Ms Kortesis and Prince Andrew. In one written by Ms Kortesis and extract he is recorded as saysis tells him that the duchess has "never been with any body else apart from you". In one of the tapes, the financial situation and that she wishes to see the whole

royal family die.

The duchess also accuses former lover John Bryan of ing the tapes comes at a time when the duchess is facing when the duchess is facing financial problems royal family die. Wyatt of being a "creep" and

Major Ronald Ferguson, is "a

The tapes show that the duchess clasified the men in her life according to numbers. Mr Wyatt is number one, Andrew two, Mr Bryan three and John Kennedy Junior

crippling financial problems "bastard". She also tells Ms | and a legal battle over an-

cation of a book by former friend Alan Starkie and could face a legal bill of more than £1 million if she loses. The duchess is reputedly on the verge of bankruptcy and is paying around £30,000 on

further publicise her private life. The duchess has already

spent £150.000 fighting publi-

bank interest charges on a £4 million overdraft. Pass Notes, G2, page 3

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Survivor Harman still on executive

Ewen MacAskill, Chief Political Correspondent

service secretary, es-caped punishment for her controversial decision on her son's schooling yester-day when she retained her post on Labour's ruling national executive.

Although her vote was

down from 69,029 to 58,112, the drop was not as hig as her supporters had feared.

She was helped by the rule that insists three of the seven members elected by the constituency parties have to be stituency parties have to be

She had been beaten by Jack Straw, the shadow home secretary, and Ken Living-stone, the left-wing backbencher, but they were de-nied a place because of the

rule on women.
Ms Harman said: "I am absolutely delighted. It is tremendous support from the party to be back on. It has been a very difficult year and I feel I can absolutely put it all behind me now. There are votes from up and down the country." Labour backbenchers were

almost universally angry with her early this year when she decided not to send her child to a local comprehensive but to a selective school in a neighbouring

The Labour leader, Tony Blair, rejected pressure at the time to remove her from the

There had been predictions too that Mr Straw might also suffer from the controversies

order stance — the received wisdom being that it was unpopular with the party rank and file. But Mr Straw increased his vote from 58,486 to 64.547. There was little change

overall in the constituency section. The shadow foreign secretary, Robin Cook, confirmed his popularity, with his vote rising from 85,670 last year to 109,801. The shadow chancellor, Gordon Brown, was also re-elected. his vote rising from 79,371 to 93.679

Others re-elected in this section were Diane Abbot, David Blunkett, Mo Mowlam and Dennis Skinner. all with increased votes. The

loudest cheer at the confer-ence greeted Mr Skinner's Mr Blunkett, who got the second highest number of votes, said: 'I am very pleased with the result.

"It shows that the ordinary Labour Party membership recognises the importance of raising standards in schools and Labour's policies for training and employment which I have been setting out

over the last year."
Re-elected were frontbenchers Margaret Beckett and Clare Short, Brenda Et-chells, an official of the engingeering union, the AEU, and Diana Jeuda, an official of

USDAW. Miss Short has had a turbulent few months, caught up in controversies that saw her demoted from shadow transport spokesman to shadow over-seas development spokesman but the vote demonstrated her continuing popularity, in-creasing from 17.5 to 18.6 per



Harriet Harman . . . escaped punishment for her controversial decision on son's schooling

In the women's section, Hi-

There was little change in

the executive members cho-

elected.

party.

Mr McCariney, the party's employment spokesman, raised his profile over the last year by campaigning against 'fat cars' and on the minimum first time.

sen by the trade unions.

John Allen, of the AEEU engineering union, and Steve Pickering, of the GMB general union, won seats for the first time.

Results

Mr Blair, will be basically wage and has been rewarded bleased with the outcome, with an NEC place. He is close to the deputy leader. Seven members were elected for the NEC constituency lary Armstrong, the local govsection by a postal ballot of party members — all existing former parliamentary private secretary to John Smith, was NEC members: Robin Cook — 109,801 (polled

65,670 last year); David Blunkett — 94,096 (75,984); Gordon Brown — 93,679 (79,371); Dennis Skinner-73.390 (64.288); Marjorie Mowlam - 68,271 (53,578); Harriet Harman - 58,112 (69,029); Diane Abbott — 54,800 (45,653).

Jack Straw — 64,547 (58,486); Ken Livingstone — 58,593 (53,423); Peter Hain — 42,169 (32,394); Tam Dalyell — 35,790 (30,705); Alice Mahon — 33,462 (29,212); Lynne Jones — 31,353 (did not stand last year); Joyce Quin — 28,407 (21,908); Jeremy Corbyn — 25,529 (22,457); Angela Eagle — 22,431 (21,857); Jean Bishop — 21,160 (did not stand last year); Alan Simpson — 18,125 (12,409); Suzanne L'Estrange — 9,737 (7,787); Kevin Cluskey — 5,815 (did not stand last year).

Castle declares war in pensions figures fight

ARBARA Castle yester-day lashed out at the "Saatchi and Saatchi tactics" she claimed Labour leaders were using in their unions and constituency delegates to oppose her call for the restoration of the link be-

tween pensions and earnings.
"This is war," the former

dirty because they're fright-ened." Her remarks came as the pensioners' leader. Jack Jones, insisted he had made no deal with the Labour leadership over its proposal for a

pensions review. She had been debating with Frank Field, chairman of the

pensioners' leaders over two unwanted motions backing a restored link.

pleased with the outcome, which sees most of his sup-

porters in place.
In a battle between two frontbenchers, Ian McCart-

ney and Alun Michael, for the

one place elected by the socialist societies, Mr Blair would have been happy with aither, as both are in the centre of the

Lady Castle's outburst came in response to claims by Harriet Harman, the shadow social services secretary, that Lady Castle's proposals would involve "raiding" the

The Guardian fringe meeting in Blackpool. "They're fighting horse-traded with union and leading the issue at a party officials key debate tomorrow.

Lady Castle dismissed the labour leadership to their remission. Party officials key debate tomorrow its pensions policy and cials are still hoping that the

2550 figure as "entirely fabricated" for the purpose of "frightening the unions" and said there was no proposal whatever for diverting the oc-cupational pension subsidy in the plan she had drawn up with Professor Peter

over its pensions policy and that the national executive proposal for a review of the issue after the election did not go far enough to win his support. Several key unions have yet

TGWU and Unison, the public

Labour cabinet minister said | dent of the National Pension- | whom have yet to make up | eral Workers' Union leader — | for the two earnings-link mo- | far beyond party policy.

two London constituency del-egates involved, representing Ealing Southall and Poplar and Canning town, might be convinced not to press their motions to a vote.

tional point of view, the party leadership can fall back on chairwoman of the Social Justice Commission and now a Labour parliamentary candidate for Leicester West.

The outcome of the campaign championed by Lady Castle and Mr Jones, president of the National Pension
Castle and Mr Jones, president of the National Pension
Mage to occupation occupation members to the tune of £550 a year each.

That line, with its implication that many union members would be hit by the plans, was being enthusiastically fed by party officials to union delegations, many of dent of the National Pension
Castle and Mr Jones, president of the National Pension
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Sinister conspiracy theories falling into a flat spin

Review

Peter Preston **********************

Have They Got News For You Panorama, BBC1

IHO bit the biters? Who out-spun the spinners? The poor old lumbering BBC, that's who; the bureaucratic brontosaurus of Shapherd's

Political Britain switched on to the most hyped Panorama of the year. Alistair Campbell had taken a preemptive page in the Sunday Times to get his foaming retaliation in first. Peter Mandelson had co-opted a page-and-a-half of Saturday's Guardian to plead Innocent of Duplicity, guv. They feared a savage

AST month he had it in

for socialism, claiming

the s-word was a mere "epi-thet" that "should be hu-

manely phased out". Yes-terday, Dr Kim Howells, Labour MP for Pontypridd,

attacked sections of the

British film-making com-

Dan Glaister

hatchet-job. But all they (and we) got were a few taps with a foam hammer. And all Panorama got, I expect, was exceptionally good audience figures. Quite easily spun. Mr Campbell began

shooting himself in the foot a fortnight ago. "Even my mum asked me the other day what a spin doctor is, so heaven knows what the viewers will make of it", he huffed to the ST before breaking into full ant. BBC Educational

Programming has taken care of that now. Mrs Campbell Senior can see that Alistair whispers in reporters' ears, juts his jaw rather badtemperedly, and bellyaches down the phone. She can also see that Alistair's friend. Peter, serves crisps with a nice cheese dip. It's a job, one supposes: but neither of them exactly looked masters of the

'End of socialism' MP finds new target in attack

There was, in honest boredom, rather a lot of fairness and balance around. We heard almost as much about (and from) Tory manipulators as about Labour's supposed demon kings. Even Liberal spin interns got a mention.

Good political correspondents (including Guardian ones) complained of bullying and harassment. Familiar television faces explained some of the tricks of the trade — including tediously unreportable Blair questions in Parliament to avoid knocking his own morning manifesto launch off

the TV evening news. It was instructive enough: a GCSE course in the things politicians get up to and the men who guard the minefields. But it wound up painfully short of conclusions. Was all this twisty stuff a

ordinary voter? Or are voters quite savvy enough to blow away the chaff themselves? The sinister conspiracy theory wasn't exactly helped by having Tony Benn as chief propounder. (Who was it who first hired Bernard Ingham as his press officer?) And, once Michael Brunson of ITN calmiy explained how

journalists could simply tell the spinners to push off, conspiracy further deflated. That, though, was because Panorama had really missed

the point. Journalists don't like the threats and the feeding of stories like tubes of Smarties. But they will survive. The people who are truly paranoid about the ers are backbenchers of all the big parties, and frontbenchers outside the loop of trust or confidence.

They, in galloping paranols, feel themselves non-persons of nil worth. They don't get on television. They don't get promotion. They are there only to shut up and turn up.

not much. The messengers and the message pass them by Their alienation is total. John Major, spinning feebly on a European wicket, can feel that already. Tony Blair in office will be similarly impaled the moment things go wrong. A

conspiracy by some politicians against other politicians? Disloyalty guaranteed? I hope Alistair's mum

knows that jam today can swiftly be in-a-jam tomorrow

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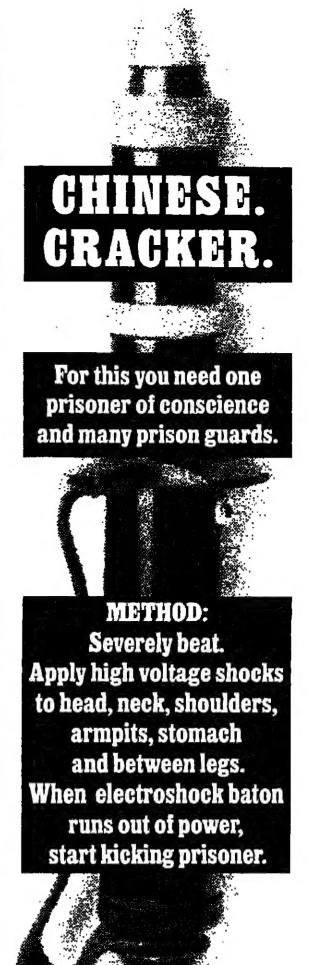
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on British film-makers for shunning blockbusters munity as a "miserable | chattering classes who in bunch of chattering fact see British films as fulfilling some kind of cultural role and very often they're ashamed to be associated with hugely profitable films, like Inde-

classes".

He told a fringe meeting in Blackpool that they were "ashamed" of making Hollywood-style blockbusters. "We have kind of talked ourselves into making literary films. Part of the reason for that, I think, is because it's run by a very pendence Day or Twister or whatever. Dr Howells, a former fine aris student, trade unionist and member of the Commuis because it's run by a very nist Party, is now seen as small, miserable bunch of an arch-Blairite.

The films he mentions were condemned at their release for their intellectually challenged storylines. Independence Day has taken over £32 million in the UK in the six weeks

since its release, while Twister has taken more

than £14 million in eight His criticism of literary film-making may be misplaced. At number four in this week's UK box-office chart is Emma, the latest adaptation of a Jane Aus-

Uncertainty dogs president's ability to pull rabbit out of the hat at unscripted summit

Mideast leaders head for US oil sales 'in weeks'

Jonathan Freedland in Washington, Derek Brow In Jerusalem and John

night for a hastummit designed to revive the teetering peace process -amid signs of Arab disunity and European fears of an American cave-in to Israel.

After a day of frantic shut-

tling and last-minute de-mands for a delay, the Israeli prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, the Palestinian Authority president, Yasser Arafat, and King Hussein of Jordan all headed to the President Clinton after last week's clashes between Israe-

reopens rift

that Washington is

bowing to Israel's

UROPEAN Union gov-

ernments are increas-ingly nervous that the

Clinton administration's sub-

missiveness to hardline Israeli government policies is

putting the entire Middle East

peace process at risk. Most EU leaders are also

angered at what they see as attempts by Washington to elbow Europe out of particl

pation in the Middle East

summit, scheduled for Wash-

ington today to try to defuse

a crisis that has seen 55 Pales-tinians and 14 Israelis die in

the worst violence since the

Last night, frantic diplo-latic efforts were under way

to ensure the EU — as the principal source of aid for the West Bank and Gaza Strip,

Both the Palestinian presi-

dent, Yasser Arafat, and President Hosni Mubarak of

Egypt are known to want EU

They believe Europe's presence will make it more diffi-

cult for the Israeli prime min-ister. Binyamin Netanyahu, to avoid a public commitment on

key issues such as the prom-ised withdrawal of his army

from the West Bank city of He

bron, and the closure of the Jerusalem tunnel whose open-

ing near one of Islam's holiest

sites caused the explosion of

The barely disguised differ ences between the United States and the EU over strat-

egy on the Middle East peac process are only the latest in a series of policy divisions. Legislation introduced by the US earlier this summer to

deter international trade with

Cuba and investment in Iran and Libya already threatens a

In the past two years the US and its European partners have also had to work hard to

prevent policy divisions on Bosnia turning into a crisis

lantic were trying last night to limit their differences. But

the EU will now insist that

greater international pres-

sure is put on the Netanyahu

government to fulfil their side of the 1993 Oslo peace

A spokesman for the Irish EU presidency said in Brus-sels yesterday: "We have been kept very closely in touch

mercial confrontation.

for the Atlantic alliance. On the Israeli-Palestinian issue, the two sides of the At-

Palestinian anger

and adjacent countries included in a summit.

involvement.

hard line, writes

John Palmer

in Brussels

across Atlantic

Arafat, who spent the day in talks in Egypt, the Egyptian president, Hosni Mubarak, declined to attend the

US officials worked hard all day yesterday to ensure that President Clinton's summit initiative - on which he has staked much US prestige did not end in a humiliating rebuff. Mr Arafat had threatened not to attend, and Mr Mubarak was said to be offended by Israel's refusal of his offer to host the meeting

An Egyptian presidential adviser said the summit ton tomorrow; the White House said it would begin today and probably include a Already in Washington,

without demur, is Jordan's King Hussein, who has replaced President Mubarak as

assume that we would gladly

Senior German government

EU, which played an impor-

The US refusal to

include Europe in

unfortunate. It is

Government initially seemed

unconcerned by the EU's ex-clusion from the Washington

Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, flew from Edinburgh to Lux-

embourg to be available, if needed, for the meeting be-

tween Mr Arafat and an EU

presidency "troika" consist-ing of the foreign ministers of Ireland (the EU presidency). Italy (the previous presi-dency) and the Netherlands

For his part, Mr De Char-ette let it be known that he

would make sure he met the Palestinian leader during his

Luxembourg stop-over.
As he arrived in Luxem

bourg for the meeting with Mr

(the next presidency).

the summit is

certainly not a

positive step'

take up any such invitation."

to go forward."

In an apparent rift with Mr | Israel's closest, if not most influential, friend in the region. At the heart of the new dis unity are Arab fears that the

summit will focus exclusively on Israeli security concerns at the expense of Palestinian demands for momentum to be restored to the peace process.

But US officials insisted yesterday that Washington

has no agenda other than to end the violence and get the peace process back on track.
"We think the United States has the ability to get them talking again," said the state department spokesman, Nicholas Burns, one of several offi-cials who moved yesterday to ower expectations for the

Speculation intensified that the most tangible result of the meeting will be a commitgo ahead with Israel's partial withdrawal from the volatile

The pullout, originally isfy the Palestinians and their promised for March, has been repeatedly put off. The Israeli After yesterday's Arafatgovernment says it wants sig-

Mubarak meeting, officials said they wanted assurances nificant changes in the rede-ployment plan, with greater security for Jewish settlers. that the summit would pro-Israeli officials say they can duce a firm Israeli commitno longer rely on the protec-tion of the Palestinian police, ment to carry out existing obligations, including a return to the land-for-peace principle many of whom were involved rejected by Mr Netanyahu. in last week's clashes.

President Mubarak said At a stopover in Amster dam en route to Washington, that unless the Israeli prime Mr Netanyahu proposed non-stop talks with the Palestinminister honours his country's commitments, violence ians on Hebron.

"I am proposing that the two sides meet right after the Mr Muharak also wants pressure on Israel to close the meeting in Washington in a locale to be determined to enancient Jerusalem tunnel whose opening led to last week's riots. Mr Netanyahu gage in continuous negotiations until agreement is reached," he told reporters. But the Palestinians have has vowed it will stay open.

After the Egypt meeting. Mr Arafat flew to Luxemalready reached agreement on the Hebron redeployment bourg for talks with Euro-pean Union foreign ministers. with Mr Netanyahu's prede As Mr Arafat met three for-

these lines is unlikely to sat | land's Dick Spring there was pressure on the US to delay he meeting and extend an invitation to the EU - the largest source of economic aid to

> In Brussels there were fears that with the US presidential election imminent, Mr Clinton might be reluctant to the peace process.

Although the EU has not publicly insisted on being included in the Washington summit, the French foreign minister, Hervé de Charette, said at the weekend that the absence of such an invitation sent a negative signal about

the peace process. Britain — whose foreign secretary, Malcolm Rifkind, also arrived in Luxembourg last night — shares the gen-eral European frustration with the Israeli stance but is not pressing as hard for an EU invitation to Washington.

News in brief

UN to approve Iraq

THE United Nations hopes to approve Iraqi oil for food sales military deployment, a senior official said yesterday.

Yasushi Akashi, the undersecretary general for humanitarian affairs, said the secretary general. Boutros Boutros Ghall, was "almost ready" to approve the £1.3 billion sale when the Iraqi military intervened in Kurdish fighting in northern Iraqa

month ago.

The military action only made matters worse for people already suffering from shortages that have worsened under UN sanctions imposed because of the 1990 fraqi invasion of Kuwait

and the resulting Gulf war, Mr Akashi said. When pressed, he said: "The secretary general is anxious to start this programme. The people in Iraq and in many countries have been waiting for a long time. We are most anxious to commence it. I cannot speculate, but I think it would be a matter.

Gulf logs 'reveal toxic cloud'

UNITED States Gulf war commanders took shelter from anticipated chemical warfare in 1991 while telling troops to disregard reports of a toxic cloud, according to newly declassified military documents given to the Birmingham News in Alabama.

The advocacy group Gulfwatch, which acquired the logs under the Freedom of Infromation Act, said they bolster their claim of a

military cover-up of so called Gulf war syndrume, an unexplained ailment many veterans claim they contracted.

Several gaps exist in the logs but an entry following the

combing of frag i ammunition dumps on January 19, 1991, repor-tedly says Czechoslovakian chemical warfare specialists had detected non-lethal levels of mustard gas. The next day, the log officer noted that Czech and French troops detected two types of

nerve gas.

The following day, after an Iraqi Scud missile attack, central command switched on chemical warfare filters and sealed its facilities with airlocks, the logs state. That afternoon, French describes the chemical agents. After a further troops reported again detecting chemical agents. After a further Czech detection, central command told US troops to ignore the reports. — AP, Birmingham, Alabama.

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N Korea 'to pay' for incursion

SOUTH Korean troops killed a North Korean yesterday in a gun battle three miles from where a Northern submarine was fo grounded off the east coast almost two weeks ago. It brought to 22 the number of North Koreans killed or found dead since members of the crew came ashore. One was captured, three were believed

The deputy prime minister, Kwon O-kie, yesterday told parliament: "The armed North Korean intrusion was a shocking incident . . . They will have to pay the price for it." The government would adopt punitive measures under its new policy of trying to change the North's "habit" of military provocation, be said. The national security adviser, Yoo Chong ha, said earlier that Seoul would take "all but military means" to retaliate. Local media, quoting unidentified government officials, reported over the weekend that the South may delay approval of a

al to build two modern nuclear reactors in the North under a US-brokered 1994 accord.

Meanwhile, Pyongyang yesterday lambasted its wartime ally Russia for providing sophisticated military hardware to the South under a loan repayment scheme. — AP, Seoul.

Swiss vote for Nazi study

SWITZERLAND'S lower house of parliament yesterday voted for a sweeping study of financial dealings with Nazi Germany and the fate of Jewish wealth deposited before, during and after the

The national council endorsed a decree put forward by the cabinet by 162-0 and sent the measure for final approval by the

The decree creates a commission of experts empowered to lift tight bank secrecy rules for the accounting of Swiss commerce with Nazi Germany. It will also review how much wealth was deposited with Swiss banks and other financial companies by Jews and other victims of Nazi persecution, and whether the Swiss have done enough to identify the lost assets of those kill

The move follows recent speculation, fuelled by newly declassi fied US archives, that Switzerland could still be hoarding Nazi

Find suggests white natives

A SKELETON discovered recently on a bank of the Columbia River near the town of Richland, Washington, suggests white men lived in America thousands of years before Christopher Colum-

bus set sail.

Carbon dating put the skeleton's age at around 9,300 years old, making it one of around 12 from that period which have been discovered in the United States. But several forensic anthropologiscovered in the United States. But several forensic anthropologiscovered in the United States. gists who examined the skeleton came to the remarkable conclusion that Richland Man appeared to be Caucasian.

If verified, the discovery would radically undercut the orthodoxy on early American history which holds that the earliest Americans were Mongoloids who crossed a land bridge over the Bering Sea from Asia. It would lend credence to theories that native Americans may have been the descendants of both Mongoloid and Caucasian migrants, or that Mongoloid settlers beat out Caucasian ones. — Ian Katz, New York

EU births hit post-war low

WOMEN in European Union states had fewer babies last year than in any year since 1945, leaving immigrants to account for most of the population growth, an EU study showed yesterday. With fewer than 4 million babies born in 1995, the fertility rate hit a post-war low of 1.43 children per woman. That means that if present patterns continue, each woman living in the EU will produce an average of 1.43 children during her lifetime. That toomtarge with an average of 1.5 during the parted 1900.04

compares with an average of 1.5 during the period 1990-94. The project leader, Harri Cruysen, said women were having swer children and spending more time in education or work.-

Colombian food prices rocket

FOOD prices have rocketed in Bogotá since leftist guerrillas unleashed a massive offensive at the end of last month, according to a survey by Colombian daily El Tiempo, published yesterday.

Since the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia and the

National Liberation Army attempted to place a stranglehold on cities by blocking roads and burning trucks, the cost of a basic food basket has risen by more than 10 per cent, the newspaper calculated. Ports on the Caribbean coast and northeastern provinces had also been hit. The military and police have begun to



Yasser Arafat arrives in Cairo from Alexandria after meeting President Hosni Muharak Photograph: монимер हा-ракси

Critical policy test for Clinton

Jonathan Freedland in Washington

arranged summit of Middle Eastern leaders at the White House will be less telegenic than the last two, but it will represent a much sharper test for the host, President Clinton.

Arafat last night, the Irish for-eign minister, Dick Spring, said it was "essential for the Unlike the September sum-mits of 1993 and 1995 — where Israeli government to send a clear signal that they are committed to the peace process and to its implementation". He described President Mubarak's decision not to attend the summit as "unfortunate to say the least". Mr Spring said: "The Egyp-

tians have played a very important part in the peace process but we must await de-Muberak's plans.

the Oslo I and II peace ac-cords were signed — the outcome of today's meeting is utterly uncertain. Mr Clinton will not enjoy the luxury of presiding over a done deal; instead, it is largely up to him to make one happen.

The result will be an unusu-

ally clear window on the foreign policy methods of the Clinton White House, Critics Clinton White House. Critics the past, though always in White House officials concede predict the summit will private. "Grandstanding a diplomatic failure would

expose once again a persistent weakness in international put pressure on countries which cause trouble. The Arab states and several

European allies fear Mr Clinton is unlikely to lean on Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's prime minister, sufficiently heavily to put the peace pro-cess back on track. Few observers believe Washington will persuade him to close the tunnel in Jerusalem whose opening last week triggered the latest violence. Others have claimed the trouble is partly the result of America's failure to crack down earlier

on Mr Netanyahu. But a senior White House official insisted yesterday that Mr Clinton had "read the riot act" to foreign leaders in The official offered the

example of the public pressure by the former president George Bush on Israel's last Li-kud prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir. Mr Bush withheld \$10 billion (about 26.6 billion) in loan guarantees to persuade Mr Shamir to freeze Jewish settlements in the occupied ter-ritories. "I would question whether that was effective," the official said.

Instead, the Clinton admin-istration's stated approach— in Bosnia, Northern Ireland and the Middle East — has been to act as facilitator. "The public strategy is to walk softly but always to carry a big stick and a big carrot." With just five weeks to go before the November election,

paign planners had hoped to showcase the Middle East as one of his few foreign policy achievements. Cynics argued that Mr Clinton has seized on the summit initiative as a chance to appear presidential. But Democratic aides explained that he had taken a big risk by hosting an unpredictable macring and the event will

not be helpful for Mr Clinton, least of all in a region where

he has invested so much time

and political capital Cam-

meeting, and the event will cut into his planned preparations for Sunday's first tele-vised debate with the Republi-

vised depare with the Republi-can challenger, Bob Dole.

Officials also dismissed suggestions that Mr Clinton is constrained by his desire not to alienate the large Jew-ish vote in the United States.

Dalle show his popularities Polls show his popularity among Jews is not at risk.

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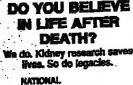
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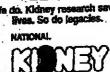
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Chirac puts onus on local councils to help poor **Strikes spur Paris**

Paul Webster in Paris

HE French government tried to stem a growing tide of social unrest by declaring yesterday that it would instruct local councils and voluntary associations to create 300,000 jobs for those receiving income support and

The announcement - intended to fulfil President Jacques Chirac's election promise to heal France's
"social fracture" — coincided
with a strike by teachers over
redundancies and sporadic
protests before a public sector

Strike later this month.

During a visit to northern
France, Mr Chirac has been
trying to restore confidence
by praising initiatives to inrease local responsibility for ob creation for the worst-off

support into salaries. In May last year, Mr Chirac said it was no longer accept-able that a "wounded and vulnerable France" was payexclusion. But despite his the government has no mirrenewed call for national solidarity, no new contributions threat of another autumn of

Le Monde dismissed the measures, which will provide funds for wages by ending some types of benefit, as "taking from the poor to give the the recovery and the to the poorest".

The plan acknowledges that it will be five years before local initiatives create work for the 300,000 poorest citizens. The 27,000 new jobs available next year are un-likely to have much impact on the March 1998 general elections, which opinion polls

say will be won by the left.
According to state figures,
12 million French people live
precariously, with the young
worse off than 10 years ago.

However, the minister for urgent humanitarian action, Xavier Emmanuelli, said the plan's wider aim was to end inequality in healthcare, housing and literacy. A new watchdog organisation would monitor and analyse levels of

to solve the problems of social | As it has become clear that will be demanded of the rich paralysing strikes. Mr Chirac to help create jobs. has been trying to silence critics among his own rightthe economic recovery and should go.

should go.

The president, who has dismissed the early replacement of Mr Juppe, planned yesterday to appeal for an end to internal party strife before Gaullist and allied movements debate the prime minister's demand for a parliamentary vote of confidence tomorrow.

Another rise in the jobless total announced at the week-end has increased Mr Juppé's difficulty in defending an austerity budget intended to meet European Union single-currency conditions. With 3.2 million already out

of work, the national protests have centred on fears about unemployment. Among teachers, for example, 5,000 posts

Madrid pulls budget punches

Adela Gooch in Madrid

IVIL servants throughout Spain demon-strated yesterday against government plans to freeze their salaries — a key measure in this year's budget designed to prepare for the first phase of European monetary union (EMU).

But the unions' threat of a But the unions' threat of a general strike as the budget was presented to parliament dropped because of objections was largely a gesture: last week, the government signed an agreement with them to reform state pensions and guarantee their spending

Although the finance minisment is relying on infrastructure cuts and privatisation to The budget includes new reduce the deficit which, at levies on insurance policies 6.4 per cent of GDP, is the but does not increase taxes main stumbling block substantially.

The Socialists accused the government of "creative"

ria are softened. They argue that Spain needs a further two years.

The government hopes to reduce earlier spending plans by 800 billion pesetas [£4 billion] and lower the defi-

cit to 3 per cent next year. But economists accused it of putting off tough decisions until next year. Plans to introfrom Catalan nationalists, on whose support Mr Aznar's minority Popular Party relies. In fact, health spend-

ing is to rise by 6 per cent.
The budget, carefully negotiated with the Catalans, is ter, Rodrigo Rato, proudly described the budget as the "toughest in 20 years" it leaves welfare spending virtually untouched. The government is relying on infrastructure of the control o

The budget includes new levies on insurance policies

Unemployment, officially the highest in Europe, has been creeping down, as has inflation. The prime winish. inflation. The prime minister,
José María Aznar, stressed
that Spain was determined to
qualify for the first phase of
the Catalans in return for EMU, but most economists their support of the PP.

office to be used when the presidency is formally inaugurated, an event tenta-

tively scheduled for the

The session was held be-hind closed doors. Interna-

tional observers described the atmosphere as workmanlike as the adversaries finally

international community's representative, Carl Bildt. Mr Bildt said later that the

leaders had shaken hands. The three leaders will have

from the three communities.

In the next few weeks, they

are supposed to appoint a

council of ministers and im-plement a "quick-start" pack-age of measures designed to

embody the highly decentral-

ised state which has emerged

by a multi-ethnic, 42-seat

house of representatives

Authority was formally

transferred to the tripartite

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Bosnia's leaders hold first meeting

Julian Borger in Sarajevo

OSNIA began to take on lits post-war shape yes-terday, as a triumvirate of freshly-elected nationalist leaders met in a motel on the outskirts of Sarajevo for the first session of the collective

presidency.
It was a low-key and awkward affair. The three particicame together for a first infor-mal encounter hosted by the pants arrived under heavy security from different directions and at different times, after Alija Izetbegovic to map out Bosnia's future after elections two weeks ago which gave huge majorities to nationalist wartime leaders the Muslim leader and chairman of the presidency
 raised last-minute objec-

tions about the venue. The other members of the presidency—the Bosnian
Serb leader, Monicilo Krajisnik, and the prominent Croat
nationalist, Kresimir Zubak were kept waiting nearly an hour while foreign diplomats persuaded Mr Izetbego-vic to drive half a mile from the centre of town to the motel above the River from 43 months of war. The measures have to be approved Miliacka.

which is expected to convene in central Sarajevo within 10 The meeting was intended to be the first step towards creating power-sharing insti-titions to hold Bosnia together, after three and a half years of murderous

presidency on Sunday when the election results were formally approved by the Significant differences Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) — despite allegations remain between the three leaders' visions of Bosnia's future. There is not even agreement on the oath of

by independent observers of fraud and ballot-stuffing.

The timing of this first encounter had been in doubt because of differences over the venue. Mr Krajisnik had refused to come to a meeting in central Sarajevo, within the Muslim-Croat federation, because of fears for his safety. Mr Izetbegovic would not meet on the former front line

as the Serbs suggested. The Saraj motel represented a compromise. It is a mile inside federation territory on the road which runs along the side of a gorge from Sarajevo to the Serb headquarters in Pale.



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survive? Add up your weekly bills (food, clothes, gas, electricity: I and the answer is, nor very long at all

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The limits of social justice

Without growth fairness will not be on the agenda

the election. Gordon Brown could be preparing his first budget having already made - for such is the tightness of the timetable — the most important economic decision of recent times: whether Britain will join the chain of events leading to a common European currency. Yesterday's speech to Labour's annual conference at Blackpool was designed to prove that Labour was sufficiently reconstructed to be fit to govern in a globalised economy without sacrificing its core principles. The chancellor presumptive managed to soothe the party faithful - even mentioning the word "socialism" in a constructive way - without upsetting the FTSE share index. He was rewarded with a dignified ovation, albeit a standing orders one, which was about the best a would-be iron chancellor could expect to get when so many Labour icons have been jettisoned.

History may judge the Conservatives to have been much better in their own terms at micro-economic policy (like reforms to the labour market) than macro-economic policy. Even their staunchest supporters find it difficult to defend two unnecessarily severe recessions in one decade. Goodness knows how much economic wealth, which could have rebuilt Britain's social infrastructure, was lost by those disastrous policies. Mr Brown intends to do well at both macro and micro policy. He plans to pursue fiscal and monetary restraint (however unpopular) in order to generate sustainable growth to pay for social reforms that his inherited fiscal deficit precludes him from doing

At the same time he hopes that his education, training and offering incentives for the poor and long-term unemployed to get back to work) will pave the way for stronger expansion in

BY THIS time next year, if Labour wins | future and a long-overdue reduction in the election. Gordon Brown could be | unemployment to the low levels of a couple of decades ago. This means, sadly, that since Labour is not prepared to undo the maldistribution of income of the past 17 years in a significant way, priority groups so badly treated under the Conservatives — including pension-ers and the poor — will have to wait. The only exceptions on offer are the introduction of a minimum wage (at an affordable rate) and a pledge to reduce the starting band of income tax to 15p in the pound or even 10p if the means can be found (like restoring capital gains and inheritance taxes if they are abol-

ished in the November budget).
What pensioners feel about all that can only be guessed at. Mr Brown was adroit yesterday in - quite rightly castigating the Government for its "betrayal of the pensioners of Britain", while eschewing any hint that could even indirectly be construed as a commitment to restore the practice of increasing pensions in line with average earnings rather than prices. He merely pledged "fairness".

He was at his best in invoking the language of Old Labour to justify his new orthodoxy. Thus it was Aneurin Bevan's language of priorities that made choices tough: tight fiscal discipline was necessary because "every pound that is inefficiently spent is a pound denied to our frontline services": inflation was bad because it affected pensioners and the poor who suffered most. In this way "prudence and res-ponsibility is not therefore an abandonment of socialism; it is the very essence of it". Heady stuff, but it falls well short of being a socialist's defence of monetarism by Mr Brown's evident passion, micro-economic reforms (improving and by the detailed reforms he has worked out to open up the growth potential of the economy in a fairer way. If the growth doesn't happen thenall bets are off.

An exception to prove the rule

Mrs B is right to fight to use her dead husband's sperm

Technologically, this has been possible since scientists developed procedures to freeze sperm. Legally, this can happen when an anonymous donor to an artifical insemination clinic dies. If the principle has been established, why is the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) blocking the attempts of a wife to conceive a baby by her dead husband? Prior to the Act that set up the Authority, the woman would have faced far less trouble. The facts are set out by our legal correspondent on the women's page today. The woman involved, who will take her case to the High Court tomorrow, is 30 years old. She is known as Mrs B. Her husband became her steady boyfriend at 16 and her husband when she was 25. In January, 1995, they decided to try to have a baby — and at one point, falsely, she thought she was pregnant - but two months later her husband developed meningitis and went into a coma. At the request of the wife, doctors removed samples of the husband's sperm before switching off the life support machine. Now she wants his baby but is being blocked by the HFEA.

The HFEA is not being obtuse. It is seeking to protect an important medical principle: consent. The principle was established to protect patients, not harm them. It remains a cornerstone of medical ethics. Without such a principle, there would be far less control over

SHOULD a dead man father a child? I no written consent from Mr B about the use of his sperm. HFEA rules also require all males who provide sperm samples to have counselling before they give their written consent. The rules were written to reassure the public and ensure medical people involved in fertility treatment subscribe to ethical guidelines. These were drawn up after the Warnock Committee, which preceded the Act, suggested that the use of a dead husband's sperm should be "actively discouraged" because it might give rise to "profound psychological problems for child and mother".

Warnock should not be dismissed out of hand but Mrs B's arguments to our legal correspondent have even more force: "What is totally bizarre is that I can have treatment with the sperm of a totally anonymous donor, but surely it would be better for a child to know its father loved its mother, it was wanted, it was planned." She adds: "The only person they can be said to be protecting is my husband, yet it was me who knew him for 13 years, and me who had discussions with him." The arguments she raises are important. Laws should rarely be immutable. They are there to be challenged and developed by the courts, particularly in cases like Mrs B's where technology changes so quickly. Mrs B should not have been required to remortgage her home to have financed her action. She is raising important principles of public policy: clinical practice. The application from not the rescinding of the Act, but a Mrs B was blocked because there was refinement to provide more flexibility.

The billionaires' banquet

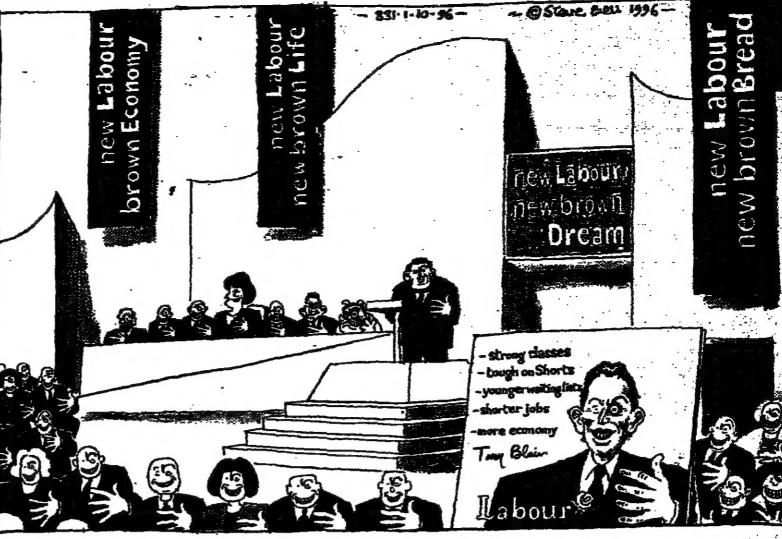
But do not forget: 12 million children are starving

GLOBALISATION was supposed to fattest cat in the alley. Only market spread the benefits of late 20th century investor Warren Buffett comes anycapitalism widely around the world, and to bring down national barriers as | and both are up by 25 per cent from last international finance swished and year. The other notable statistic is that swirled into every productive corner of for the first time the average net worth the globe. We would not have guessed it of the Forbes 400 exceeds one billion from the latest annual rating of wealthy | dollars. The list also reflects the main Americans by Forbes magazine published yesterday. The number one superpower is still the number one super-rich power, and the 400 wealthiest Americans include 121 dollar billionaires - 27 more than last year.

Forbes had already told us in July that the world has a total of 447 billionaires, and that the US occupies a third of the total. This earlier survey gives an even higher total for the US of 149. Perhaps the super-rich have so much stashed away that it is difficult to count up accurately. But both surveys are consistent in registering William Henry Gates III - Mr Microsoft - as the

where near to Mr Gates's \$18.5 billion. growth industries today: communications and the financial market

The cliché that the rich are getting richer is unavoidable. So is the contrast to be drawn, in yesterday's news, between the exuberant figures from Forbes, and a rather different set of statistics from the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF). These show that the food situation in developing countries has barely improved in the last six years and most child deaths are due to undernourishment. Around 12 million children die each year, and more than half a million women die in childbirth. These figures too speak for themselves.



Letters to the Editor

Humanity screened out Frankly speaking, it's a Field day for pension reform

nine-year-old daughter who has Down's syndrome, I read Annabel Ferriman's article on pre-natal testing (Truth and trouble with scans, September 24) and great sadness.

How can Professor Nicho-How can Professor Nicho-las Wald possibly compare stroke prevention with pre-natal screening? Firstly these tests cause a great deal of often unwarranted distress to the expectant mum who be-gins to see her child as a po-tential burden rather than the sift that he or she is. gift that he or she is. ondly, the stroke patient is "terminated" when his condition is discovered, whereas 9 out of 10 unborn babies with Down's syndrome whose disability has been de-tected are aborted. Here the "prevention" of handicap in the unborn means the killing of the disabled patient — incredibly, with the compliance and even encouragement of the medical profession.

Every morning our daughter greets me with a kiss, a hug and the statement. "I love you, Mummy!" What more could any mother wish for?

As one born with spine bi-fide in 1948, I am fre-quently irritated, if not insulted, by the suggestion that my life has been so awful that no one else should be allowed to undergo such suffering. Especially as no one has ever asked me about my experi-

Seeds of hope

her dead husband (Front

page, September 30). Hold on,

wasn't this story on Chicago

Hope? That woman was per-

suaded against proceeding on the grounds that it was selfish

and took no account of the child's needs. The whole mat-

ter was resolved neatly

were half-a-dozen other prob

ems). It is a shame that life

always takes so much longer

than art (I except Wagner,

Kings Worthy, Winchester, Hants SO23 7ND.

HE Commission for Racial

Equality's decision to re-cord all complaints of reli-

gious discrimination (Reli-

cious bias to be monitored.

September 27) will be wel-comed not only by the Muslim

community. It has long been

the view of many in the Chris

tian community that then should be legislation to make religious discrimination an of-

fence. The Bishop of Oxford has himself pressed for this

and, given the degree of reli-

ious discrimination in Brit-

sh society, it is highly likely

that Christians will be amone

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ernist management bol-locks-speak (Letters, Septem-

ber 27): I work for an inner-

city local authority, and a

while ago a consultant was

appointed to undertake a

review of my department. He popped his head around my

I asked him what actually he

was going to do, and he replied that he was "an expe-

ienced change agent".

18 Windermere Avenue,

We may adit letters; shorter

ones are more likely to appear.

London NW6 6LN.

Mike Cantor.

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those recording complaints.

(Rev) Richard Thomas.

Diocesan Church House,

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Nicholas Haysom

45 Springvale Road,

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S the mother of a lovely | ences. We are told we are "too | exceptional", or even that we can't possibly know whether or not we are truly happy, so

> If ultrasound and other forms of pre-natal screening orientation of unborn habies, would you suggest that mothers wishing to be spared the "misfortune" of a gay child should be allowed to terminate? Would you allow mothers who, for cultural reasons, did not want daughters to terminate? I wonder how many more times I will be told that the rules applying to disabilty are "different".

I have a very full and enjoy-able life despite spina bifida I would welcome a cure for either — but not at the price of the elimination of people even if we could be certain of identifying unborn babies with those disabilities.

As Lucy Johnstone's experience clearly demonstrates, ter-mination kills a child. Women suffer tremendous guilt and remorse as a result of the pres-sure they are under when the tests appear to show an abnormality. Discrimination against the disabled is a slippery slope. Who will be next? Diana Sanderson. Finchale Road

Newton Hall, Durham DH1.

PROFESSOR Wald compares screening with the work done in trying to prefoetuses, as is not uncommon in India (and in Bradford, if reported in a Sunday tabloid, is proved true: she will arrange an abortion if the child is a girl). Apparently this type of screening is illegal even though there seems to be "a

genuine demand from the vomen themselves" Professor Wald himself has said: "Screening for spina hi-fida is highly cost-effective... the cost of looking after such children is far higher than the cost of detecting cases." That sounds to me like discrimination against born children

with spina biffida because no one ever calculates how much it costs to raise children with-out disabilities with a view to detecting and eliminating them before birth. It is because we don't want people with disabilities, as we think they cost too much, that we get rid of them before birth. Sioned Tomos.

Westra, Dinas Powys, Vale of Glamorgan CF61.

ROFESSOR Wald's com-parison is particularly Peter who had Down's syndrome was at the centre of our family, enriching our lives. Then he died last year - as a sequence of severe strokes How we would have welcomed screening to prevent these. That would have been a

vent strokes. But doctors do not kill those who may be in totally different issue. Hazel Morgan. Culford School, danger of strokes. A better comparison would be the Bury St Edmunds AWOMAN fights for the right to have a child by

Deservedly flushed with pride

AT last, ladies' toilet facili-ties that should be the standard for any public build-pensers, which dispense soap ing. Well done the designers f the new Bridgewater Hall. Manchester, for providing enough toilets to avoid the otherwise almost universal experience of having to spend the whole interval queue The second cheer is for the

fact that they provide a shelf above the washbasins where a handbag or vanity case can be put down and remain dry.

pensers, which dispense soap into the basin and not on to the surround. And two further cheers for the design of the taps (easy for the arthritic to use) and the door handles: stylish but practical. I hope future designers of large pub-lic buildings will adopt such

Jean Wearne Applegates, 8 Haddon Close, Alderiey Edge SK9 7RD.

America is in a class of its own

AMERICAN university edu-cation can be expensive. only be considered among the most prestigious in the world. but it need not be (The added | Catherine White. pain of pay as you learn the American way, September 21). Private universities. which receive very limited taxpayer subsidies, are sometimes very expensive and their students can graduate with considerable debt — and well-founded expectations of good salaries

However, the state university system in Georgia, for instance, charges \$100 per quarter for books to in-state students who maintain a B-orbetter-grade average, with absolutely no charge for tuition. Other states differ in how much in-state residents, outof state or foreign students

may pay. Your reporter slurs state universities when he claims that they provide "second rate" education. A degree from University of California campuses at, say, Berkeley or Los Angeles, or any of the SUNY (State University of New York) campuses, can London NW8 6PH.

Acting Director, Educational Advisory Service, Fulbright Commission. 62 Doughty Street, London WC1N 2LS.

As a student who has experienced both the English and American university systems. I can attest to the superiority of the American degree. For starters, the Americans do not expect their 18-year-olds to commit to a specific subject on leaving school. As a result, Amer icans gain a much broader view of the world while their English counterparts are stuck in a deadlock of a sys tem that forces them to be so focused that other possibili-ties are lost. The US also sends almost half of its population on to further education because it believes everyons should have the opportunity. Andrea Li.

(Letters, September 27) is speaking the language of dem-

Frank Field repeats the ac-cusations that the poorest pensioners will not benefit rom Barbara Castle's proposals and that occupational-penlose up to £550 a year.

Both statements are untrue. Basic state pensioners, especurrently receiving the in-come support to which they are entitled, will gain. Additional second-tier pensions will also be strengthened. Oc-cupational-pension rebates re not affected.

And Frank's suggestion that Serps can be replaced by a compulsorily funded private scheme defies logic as well as international evidence. Interestingly he does not say much about the socalled Pension Entitlement put forward by Harriet Harman to help the poorest

pensioners.

Like the earlier Labour proposals for a "Minimum Pension Guarantee" and an "As-Entitlement" is a proposal for a means test. We do not understand how the basic problem of pensioner poverty is likely to be solved by substituting one form of failed means test by another.

What is wrong with steadily raising the basic pension by (1) using existing con-tributions much more effectively; (ii) adding a small increase to the rates of contribution payable by prosperous people who have benefited hugely from the so-called 'reforms"; and (iii) clawing back some of the "cost" of larger basic pensions from the rich via increased taxes - which many seem willing to pay?

Vice President Fabian Society. 11 Dartmouth Street, London SW1H 9BN.

T is difficult to see why the Labour leadership has got it-self into such a bind over the up-rating of the basic state pension. We face enormous inflationary pressures in the seconomy which the Chancel-lor won't do anything about because we are in the run-up to the election. So price in creases are almost certainly going to be higher in the near future than the earnings in-creases that the rebels want to get written back into the up-rating formula. Why not

All that Labour would then

F Aneurin Bevan were alive have to do is align itself with today I doubt whether he Eddie George in demanding would agree that Frank Field that the Chancellor take im-Eddie George in demanding mediate action to clamp down on the pressures, which he est rates - the last thing his party colleagues want

If he doesn't, then the next Labour government will have the perfect alibi for blaming the Tories for any increase in inflation during the first few years in office that causes

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Gordon Brown could then announce that, with increas ing properity, he will be making restitution for everything that has been stolen from the pensioners by the Conserva-tives in the breaking of the earnings link. Ernest Wood.

Fourwinds, Okehampton,

ARE we to understand from Mr Field that, had Mrs Thatcher not readjusted the criteria for pensions down-wards, the next Labour gov-ernment would have had to do just that because it could not afford to honour its agreement with us pensioners? If that is not the case, then

his dubious theories now? We were given an undertak-Tories chose to break Surely the new Labour governme will not adopt similar politi-

cal immorality? Barbara Castle may not be a candidate at the next election but that doesn't mean she does not represent a very large section of the community who can put in - or as

easily keep out - a Labour

Bill Pordie. West Street Marlow SL7 2BP.

MPROVEMENTS to state pensions should be funded by the restoration of the Exchequer contribution to the National Insurance fund which the Tories terminated in 1989. The cost of this could be met by phasing out the tax rebates and exemptions that the private pension funds get on their investment income and capital gains. They have done very nicely out of these over the past 17 years, as dividends have quadrupled and share values risen roughly

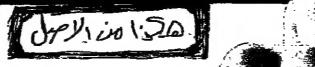
sevenfold. Further untaxed benefits have come from the purchase of under-priced shares in privatisations, and the rece spate of share buy-backs and special dividends. R J Westmarland. 109 Drayton Bridge Road, London W7 1ER

A Country Diary

CHESHIRE: As the season | it at rest during the day on changes slowly but surely into autumn so too do the moths that are attracted to the garden light trap - the Common Sallow with its orange-yellow wings dotted reddish-grey markings bears a remarkable resemblance to an autumnal leaf. Very few of our resident moths are green in colour and one of the most attractive members of this restricted group is a noctuid with the splendid title, Merveille du Jour, which flies at night in September and October. One or two are usually drawn to the mercury vapour lamp but seldom do they enter the collecting box, preferring to settle close by on the garden fence or garage wall. Whilst the dominant ground colour of this beautiful insect is a rich bright green, its wings are patterned with cryptic nature's camouflage in the moth world. The "merveille" is to be lucky enough to find

the lichen-covered bark of an oak tree. Another attractive and not uncommon moth now appearing in the trap is the Freen-brindled Crescent Despite its name it can't really be included amongst the "green" moths as that colour is very variable on this species and quite often does not appear at all. However it does share a characteristic with about another 100 of our moths in producing a melanistic form which is the vari-ety that has turned up in the trap more often this autumn than the true type. The white fleck near the hinge edge of the upper wing - the cres-cent - is always clearly visible in both forms. These melanistic examples have been given a Latin name - capucina, and just like the coffee this describes perfectly the rich, brown overall colouring white edged black markings of their wings. Not welcome and thus another example of in the trap, at present, are the wasps that burst out when the lid is lifted.

J M THOMPSON



AM enchanted by the regal portrait of Mr Tony Blair and family, Alastair Campbell, the Blair press man, rang on Friday to say that the new photo was his way of saying thanks for respecting the little ones' privacy this past year. Isn't that sweet? The invoice (for £250) arrived in yesterday's post. Ahhhh.

N the new edition of Radio Times, out today Norma Major talks to the excellent Andrew Duncan. Mrs Major, now decommis-sioned after a brief spell as a secret weapon, continues her run of outspoken form. Lady Thatcher gets a minor kicking — "she didn't like superfluous women, or any extraneous bods. We didn't really serve much purpose, wives" — but Mrs Major's real loathing is reserved for the Tory establishment. "I heard that someone said the only way we'd have got to Number Ten previously," she says, "was as butler and parlourmaid. Best to ignore that sort of thing." Second best, in fact. Best to get hold of the person and kick their teeth in with spiked boots.

EANWHILE, good news for the family: the Terry Major-Ball column has arrived. The Daily Mail won a recent scrap for Terry's services (despite offering £150 a time less than the Express). and "the brother of all columns" duly made its debut on Friday. In three items, Terry covered the en-Fiona's wedding, through a visit to Stringfellow's, all the way to his new microwave oven. (Presumably the problems with his ironing board will be held over until space permits.) It was a great triumph . . . and to Terry we remove our hats.

CONTENDER emerges in the quest for the country's drollest public-relations exponent. It is Rentokil, which recently took over multinational BET (and, appetisingly enough, the firm's contracts to supply school dinners). Rentokil, £21,000 to charity in 1995 (a bounteous 0.02 per cent of UK pre-tax profits), has not only ordered BET to halve its annual charitable donations, but has instructed directors of all 73 BET compa-nies around the world on no account to make personal gifts. Tempting as it is to assume that this is a joke, Rentokil's corporate-af-fairs boss Charles Grimaldi insists he isn't clowning

EANWHILE, from the world of PR jour-nalism, we salute Rebecca Dowman. Preparing the ground for the Labour Conference. Rebecca, who writes the diary for PR Week, called a contact yesterday to ask which parties he and colwhich parties he and to leagues from his firm were going to at the Tory confer-ence in Brighton. When it was pointed out that they were going to Bonrne-mouth, a lengthy silence en-sued. "Oh," said Rebecca, eventually, in a very small voice. "But I've hooked a b&b in Brighton, I've booked restaurants in Brighton ..."



Labour uplifted by faith in the future

Commentary Hugo Young

HE Labour Party is the party of govern-ment. Not may be or will be. Is. That is its state of mind. Merely the formalities remain to be accom-plished. There's an election to be won, and the Tories to be sent to the knackers. But the party doesn't doubt this will happen. Its confidence has become seigneurial. In the Labour mind, the Tortes are history. The duty if not the fact of government has already changed hands. That's the importunate language here in Blackpool. here in Blackpool.

here in Blackpool.

The switch from a year ago is immense. Then the cockiness had hardly begun. Clause 4 had gone, and the leader was established as a potent hero, but self-disbeller still ruled. Anxiety was universal that the boat should not be rocked. Labour was a long way from being at all certain that the Tories didn't have tricks up their sleeves. have tricks up their sleeves. To most people, a Labour victory was becoming plausible but remained highly improb-able. The ghoulish pessimism

Labour as the party that fate has destined to lose forever, easily got the better of empty

Since then, however, the Tories have done their best for the Labour Party. Their tricks have been self-destructive. We're a year nearer the election, and Conservatism is no nearer winning it. Mr Blair has remained utterly ascendant. One of his favourite polling graphs continues to give satisfaction. The link between feel-good feelings and Conservative fortunes, which declined in parallel be-tween 1992 and 1994, began to separate as the New Labour phenomenon took root. People started to feel better despite the collapse of confi-dence in the Government. This was proof that New Labour was working. It still is. The ingrained inferiority complex has been comprehensively supplanted by a rhetoric that lays exclusive claim to the millennium.

claim to the millennium.

This is not an unqualified blessing. It brings other developments in its train. The party, after all, doesn't yet actually have the power. It is getting ahead of itself. Responsibility without power is the curse that will kill this government, but the illusion of power without the fact of of power without the fact of responsibility has its perils

relevance. Both men surely spoke from the deep heart of the radical centre-left when they said that politics was about more than fiscal

This is actually Blair's own ground. Such was the decent sincerity of Hain and Hattersley that I heard nothing Mr Blair would disagree with. Their generalisations about what Labour is for would be expressed by him in only slightly different lan-guage. There's no doubt he believes in greater social justice, in more economic fairness, in attacking poverty. He himself has said that if there's been no alleviation of poverty by the end of a Labour government, it will

Blair is horrified that anyone might doubt he won't lead a radical government

have been a pointless exer-cise. But he doesn't always say things as abrasively as that. He appeals all the time for seriousness, professional-ism, discipline. Because he's wracked more than anyone in his party by awareness of what might go wrong in the next six months, he regards discipline as a synonym for the silence, desirably, of almost everyone except

That's what makes the Hat-tersleys worried. They fear that this preternatural cau-tion must cast doubt on whether the Labour government, they think certain, will

insisted that the S-word more severe they could wasn't anathema. It had, as Hain defined it, a futuristic

> were instructing this new party of government adds up to quite a lot. The conference managers did well to begin with Health. It's the one area where the leadership can't be where the leadership can't be suspected of taking much from the Tories. The speech of the minister-in-waiting gave the lie to the canara that Labour will make no dif-ference. The end of the internal competitive market, the re-structuring of the health trusts and the ending of local trusts and the ending of local pay determination will all help restore a true National Health Service. A specific pledge is made on waitinglists for cancer surgery. Banning tobacco advertising is a radical attack on the poison business. Likewise Gordon Brown. The national minimum wage is no joke. The Child Benefit switch for overlös is a painful, sensible, practical expedient. I don't know what the "national child care strategy" will add up to, but there's no excuse for pretending the Labour leadership isn't seriously committed on both skilling and youth employment.

and youth employment. This will be the pattern of the week, the leadership soberly preparing for govern-ment, the party indecently

certain it will get there. Be-tween them sits the question that more people have finally got the courage to be asking; will this be a truly radical project, and how is the fire in Labour bellies to be stoked and kept alive? Mr Blair is certain he has the answer to that. He's horrified that anyone might doubt he won't lead a radical government. Today he speaks. It's his time meeting of the new really make a difference. At Today he speaks. It's his of anxiety about victory is the burgeoning of anxiety socialist moderation, which more certain victory gets, the now gushes all around him. chance to make bold use of the chilling confidence that

The club, like all clubs, tends to hunch protectively when one of its members is

under attack. The head pre-fects of the Whitehall estab-lishment seemed as damply

trusting as a Scottish cardi-nal with a plausible bishop. This wasn't a matter of party

politics. It could have happened to any party in gov-ernment. Instead, we were

talking systemic faults. The

lobbying system had turned into an industry. But Parlisment was still potter-

the Nolan inquiry inevitable. Lord Nolan delivered. MPs now have an outside force—

Sir Gordon Downey - to help them put their House in order. They have tougher, clearer rules about declara-

tions of interests and the quagmire of all-purpose lob-bying. But is that the end of

all concern? Could what hap-pened in the late eighties not

conceivably happen in the late nineties? Only a fool

I had three gruelling hours with the Privileges Commit-tee last summer. They are

politicians: they can hardly forget that when they start their interrogation. If you bring the ruling majority in the House (and thus on such committees) unwelcome tid-

ings, you must expect to have the pea in your whistle blown back down your throat If you

are a spectre at the feast — like Mohamed Al-Fayed —

you will be parked in the chamber of horrors, left in limbo as the committee

(chairman: Tony Newton) dissolves to the Nolan pre-

scription and then assembles supposedly afresh (chairman: Tony Newton). Delay is always a friend in a crisis. Committees can deem that all

Members must attend all meetings. (One absent, one more cancellation, one more fortnight lost.) Elections can — and surely will — draw

would reckon so.

Breast beating In fact, yesterday's proceedings should have been reassuring. Neither Chris Smith nor Gordon Brown made any new promises. But the agenda in which they were instructing this new years of government adds un



Rachel Cusk

ODAY marks the beginning of Breast Cancer
Awareness Month, in which it is hoped that younger women in particular will be instilled with that 20th-ceninstilled with that auth-cen-tury virtue — awareness — about a disease whose death rates are now thought to be higher in Britain than anywhere else.

Breast cancer is not new; nor is its treatment. Fanny Burney's account of her unan-aesthetised mastectomy in 1811 will be etched upon the mind of anyone who has read it. Over the past century, how-ever, it has become a scourge of the West, and in the 35-54 age range is the single biggest cause of death for women in Britain. Although the risk of developing breast cancer roughly doubles with every decade of a woman's life, it is among the over-fifties that mammography and early treatment really begin to level these rates off, reducing the number of deaths by a third. Fashion Targets Breast Can-

cer, the campaign launched earlier this year in a most welcome and conciliatory manner by the industry which has tormented women's bodies for decades, lent the confidence of peer acknowled-gement to an affliction more spanent to an attriction more used to keeping company with shame and concealment. Younger women read the book and bought the T-shirt. They even wore the T-shirt, doubtlessly over Wonderbra-enhanced cleavages. Of what use is all this "awareness" to those for whom breast cancer still represents a relatively distant threat? The answer is that while the incidence of the disease among relatives pre-sents a danger to some young women, its causes, about which new information is emerging all the time, will be of interest to all of them. That breast cancer should have progressed from relative

obscurity to afflict more than 32,000 women in Britain each year, 14,500 of whom die from Parliament was still pottering amateurishly, trustingly
along: knowing that things
had changed, but never quite
wanting to confront that
fact.
The resignations of Mr
Smith and Mr Hamilton The resignations of Mr ing clean-living, holistic culSmith and Mr Hamilton tures like China's, they often that the risk is worth it that the risk is worth it that the Nolan inquiry inevitable. vague mental reference to images of people sitting in front of TVs swilling Diet Coke and eating hamburgers. In fact, "Western lifestyle" in this case encompasses social changes which, even if they too are "unnatural", would be hard, if not impossible, for women to give up.

women and that it is in the women, and that it is in the mature of any adventure to carry a degree of personal danger. "Awareness" should involve helping ourselves to live with this risk, not turning back the clock because of it.

Rachel Cusk is author of Saving Aones and The Temporary women to give up. The factors believed to have (Picador)

caused the unprecedented surge in breast-cancer rates are those which underpin to an alarming degree the free-doms of modern women. Hav-ing several children, having them early, and breastfeeding them, is the course of action which offers the most substan-tial protection; failing to do these things incurs the most risk outside hereditary factors. A woman who has her first child after 35 is three times move likely to develop

breast cancer than one who did so in her teens.

"Awareness", in the light of this information, takes on rather a different tone. Awareness is not, it would seem, just a matter of being on the look-out for lumps. It is to some degree a matter of being told that you have a choice. A younger woman in possession of this awareness may alter her priorities and hence the course of her life.

It is difficult to extricate common sense from the guilt, anxiety and fear which haunt the prospect of childbearing, and its delay, for many women. Thirty-five may well be the age at which the body turns against itself, complains at its unnatural singularity; but it is also the age around which women are likely to have reached, after some struggle, a plateau in their career ascent on which it might be acceptable and comfortable to have children.

We are accustomed to accept that any way of life found to be detrimental to our health should immediately be addressed. The self-destruc-tive impulse holds no lure for our culture, let alone any logic. Faw people, for example. would regard smoking as worthwhile for those who claim that they could not accomplish tasks - no matter how important - without it.

And yet the story of women, after countless dull and un-eventful chapters, has just started to get interesting. For the first time women are out dancing on the peninsula, with their biological destiny emitting faint, cautious cries on the mainland behind. One could call for better childcare, more maternity leave, the need to address discriminatory employment practices so that people could have children at a more "natural" age; but perhaps the conversation women have with their bodies ought to be private.

In our health-obsessed and secular age, doing something you're not supposed to in the temple of the body has a criminal ring to it. Most women will probably feel a pang of compunction and fear in the face of these statistics, but

Agnes and The Temporary

Unpicking the web

begin to feel released from

the neurotic imperatives of silence. Moreover, in this half-world between impo-

tence that is about to end and power that has not yet ar-

rived, they sense their last

opportunity to get the argument going before Mr Blair

and his colleagues disappear into the Whitehall Valhalla.

Blair, however, is the man who, of all his party, is least

who, of all his party, is least seized of the new certainty. All those around him talk like people who think the New Labour era is already in its pre-history, its pre-destined run-up. The leader is not prepared to think that. Of all the people here, he chooses to be the canniest. He regards this conference as the last hest chance the

the last best chance the

Tories have to represent his party as divided/ dangerous-

/destructive. Get past Black-pool safely, he thinks, and they'll have nothing left to

The mood of confidence,

however, doesn't entirely permit this. Blair is in this

sense the victim of his own success. The party is easing back into a little bit of argu-

ment. People dare to inquire what great cause they are fighting for. Roy Hattersley

and Peter Hain, at a lunch-

Three years ago Mohamed Al-Fayed revealed to Peter

Preston that Conservative MPs were asking questions for cash. So began the painstaking iournalistic investigation that led to yesterday's extraordinary climbdown



T BEGAN a long time ago and almost by accident. The Guardian had published a story about Saudi funding of the Conservative Party. Deep, intentity extincing systems. Conservative Party. Deep, in-stantly swirling waters. Hugo Young, the chairman of the Scott Trust, phoned me. A senior QC friend had called, saying Mohamed Al-Fayed thought he might be able to assist. Would I like to go

along and see?

June 14 1993. Asil Nadir had skipped to Northern Cyprus and was making waves. Michael Mates, the Northern Irish Minister, was about to have trouble with a wristwatch. And I was in an office on the fifth floor of Harrods listening to its owner (and star of DTI reports) huridly work over the politicians and mores of the eighties. Mohamed Al-Fayed in full flow makes the young Muhammad Ali seem monosyllabic. Then, at random, 30 minutes on, he mentioned

ing to drum up campaign ask your Saudi friends."

Interesting, because Smith had become Deputy Trea
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It stank. It was, very simply, was the special one of the British way with libel. In this case, gentlemen's club by the only a start. We begin to they also left out ordeal by become because Smith become Deputy Trea-

and how Ian Greer — the lobbyist Lord King of BA recommended — had fielded them through the late eighties, asking questions for cash, working as a surreptitious team.

It wasn't what I'd gone along to talk about, or where

the conversation had started. But it was specific, first hand, with money attached. He had taken a ferocious DTI drubbing. Yet here he was, confessing to paying Members of Parliament on the quiet — and risking another drubbing as he did so. We met a couple more times. He showed me the Ritz Hotel bill that Neil and Christine Hamilton had run up and forgotten to mention to the Registrar of Members' Inter-Tim Smith.

The Conservative MP for Beaconsfield, he said, had been to see him just before the 1992 general election, trying to drum up campaign cash. "But I told him, go and ask your Saudi friends."

ests. I knew about the mushroom growth of parliamentary lobbying. (Hencke had been on to it for years.) I knew that individual MPs had sometimes got into funding scrapes. But this seemed to be organised and orchestrated in the same training scrapes. ests. I knew about the mush-

Fayed ever go public, putting his own testimony on the line? Fifteen months later, swelled with indignation, he did. When the libel crunch finally came, would he stand up in the witness box? You bet. He was raring to go.

individual MPs had got into funding scrapes. But this seemed to be organised. It stank

knew that

The years of digging and waiting were not easy. Holly-wood habitually gives newspaper investigations an instant, glossy sheen; but they leave out the stone walls and the lawyers and the bills and the special bite of the British

surer at Central Office immediately after the election. But how had Al-Fayed met him in the first place? My question. So he told me about Mr. Smith and Neil Hamilton, and how len Green the Smith and Neil Hamilton, and how len Green the state of the open. That was never going to be easy and many months of David Hencke and John Mullin toil only slowly began to unpick the web. Would Alended with a changed law lended with a changed la ended with a changed law which meant he could waive his privileges whilst others in the case could stay under ancestral wraps.

The obvious thing — obviously recited by the Hamilton camp — was that the Guardian had started a sleaze war, with the Tories in its narrowly political sights. That was not true in the be-ginning. It is not true now. The first flicker of the story just happened, to no set agenda. Gradually it began to turn into a bigger picture, one which ranged the reputa-tion of Westminster against a successful, growing company

— the leader in the lobbying
field — secretly determined on marketing its wares in never believed that for a ways that would have made Erskine May's hair curl. libel on hundreds of decent Gradually you began to see how Ian Greer spread his bread upon the waters, creating an ever larger pool of admirers and future friends. Gradually you began to realmocracy. ise how vulnerable the old gentlemen's club by the

another line on the time clock. Parliament can do better than that. Whoever runs it, however tiny the majority, however anxious the calcula tion, the over-arching enemy is cynicism: the cynicism of those inside, the cynicism outside of the ordinary voter who seeks a little faith in his legislature. By those lights, the journalist bearing allegations is not an enemy. Nor: whatever John Major be-lieves, is Mohamed Al-Fayed. The whistleblowers are only foes if you believe that every MP and every Minister is somehow tainted, all inevitably huddled together against the outside storm. I have never believed that for a second. It is a groteseque men and women. The real enemies are sloth, naivety, indifference and unthinking tribalism: a refusal to treat seriously a perversion of de-

They've both got diarrhoea but only one of them will die from it in this country, if a child suffers from diamnosa it can be upsetting, but it's far from life-threatening. Yet, in the developing world, diarrhoes fulls. In fact, t claims the lives of around three mullon children every year. By sponsoring a child through ACTIONAID you can help helping to prevent many of these unnecessary deaths. In return, you'll receive a photo and messages from the child you sponsor. And you'll know exactly how your money is working through regular project reports from our held workers, Help give a child in a developing country an equal chance. Sponsor a child today ☐ Please send and desails about sponsoring a child. or eal: 01460 61073. land messesse on opportuning or Overest base's greatest need. l can't sponsor a child now, but enclose a gift of: 2:200 | CEO | DESC | CES | DE | DESCRIPTION | DESCRIPTION

Rt Rev George Henderson

Scot for God and Labour

or more in sympa-thy with the travails of ordinary people, irrespective of denomination, than George Henderson, former Primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church, who has died aged 74.

Much of his life's work, both as a priest and as a local Labour politician, was concentrated on the town of Fort William, in the West Highlands, where he rose through the offices of his church to become the Episcopalian Bishop of Argyll and the Isles, a post which he held for 15 years until retirement in 1992.

Standing on a Labour ticket, he was provost of the former burgh from 1962 to 1975. It was a period during which the Wiggins Teape pulp and paper mill and other industries were attracted to economy and creating jobs both for local people and an incoming workforce. George Henderson was a key figure

in these developments. vantages in his childhood and this was the key to his later Born in Oban, he went to the local primary school which with the Episcopalian Church It was the start of a lifelong association with that denomination which is small in the Highlands and in com-

After attending Oban High

was ever less in poor parish of Glasgow but he awe of institutions then won an Exhibition to Durham University to study tinction. He was ordained in 1945 and returned to the diocese of Argyll and the Isles in 1948, first as a curate at Onich in Inverness-shire. George's long love affair with Fort Wil-liam began in 1950 when he

Within two years the young priest startled his flock, not only by entering local politics, but by doing so under the banner of Labour. George was a passionate and witty speaker. He took the pre-election hustings meeting by storm and topped the poll in the elections to Fort William Town Council, of which he remained a member for 23

day there are Labour Party members who stand in the as "independents", in the hope of improving their prosas anything other than a Labour candidate. He believed, in all things, in nailing his colours firmly to the mast. In his political role, he was

struck many excellent com-mercial deals for Fort William. His personal finances were less well ordered. He had no interest in worldly wealth nies in his pocket to anyone more needy than himself. As a friend observed, it was just as well he did not carry more money as he would just have



Nailing his colours to the mast . . . George Henderson was both priest and politician

of Anglicised, land-owning gentry. But George was no re-specter of status and indeed greater satisfaction he took from preaching the parable of the camel and the eye of a

He was an extremely wellread man and published two anthologies of poetry. His wife Isobel, whom he married

the Highlands are often found | together they introduced close to the hereditary seats | many young people to influmany young people to influences which were greatly to improve and develop their later prospects

George was constantly sought after for advice, both within the church and also at local level. In 1990, he became the leading figure in his church when he was made he had chosen to operate on a larger canvas, George Hen-

he committed his life - the Scottish Episcopal Church and the town of Fort William - both benefited enormously ity of a man who never, for a single day in his life, forgot

George Henderson, priest and

Payel Sudoplatov

Doing the dirty work of the revolution

dozen middle-ranking former Soviet secret agents from any Moscow street bookseller, but Pavel Sudoplatov, who has died aged 89, was one of the Soviet Union's master spies. As a the assassination of Trotsky. ran the agents who stole the secrets of the atom bomb and as director of the Administration of Special Tasks he fought the clandestine battles of the Cold War from his seventh floor office in the KGB's Lubyanka building in

His career in the Soviet secret services, which

In his memoirs, Special Tasks, The Memoirs of an Unwanted Witness (1994), Sudoplatov asserted that Robert Oppenheimer, head of the Manhattan project, and his colleagues Niels Bohr, Enrico Fermi and Leo Szilard, had knowingly co-operated with Soviet agents. It was a claim denied by both the FBI and later by Russia's Foreign Intelligence Service. As one of the few surviving veterans of Stalin's secret service he provided a rare insight into the

world of state espionage. Pavel Anatolievich Sudopla tov was born in the Ukrainian town of Melitopol to a Russian mother and a Ukrainian father. Aged 12, he ran away to join the Red Army and spent most of the civil war working as a telephone opera-Cheka (the Bolsbevik secret police) in the Ukraine. He became involved in covert oper-ations to monitor the Ukrainian nationalist movement and was a case officer running a network of informers in

Promoted, he was sent abroad to infiltrate the exiled Ukrainian nationalist organiation and became a close confidante of its leader, Yevhan Konovalets, Summoned to Moscow in 1938, he was personally entrusted by Stalin with the task of eliminating how he blew up the Ukrainian

subsequent escape through Belgium, France and Spain provided a rare, though carefully self-censored, insight into the tradecraft and world of the Soviet spy — Sudoplatov remained a secret agent to

be one of the few agents not caught up in Stalin's purge of his boss Nikolai Yezhov and fellow NKVD colleagues. Instead, in 1939 he was again summoned to the Kremlin together with Lavrenti Beria, Yezhov's successor, and given the task by Stalin personally of eliminating Leon Trotsky, then in exile in Mexico.

Sudoplatov .. gathered

Stalin's rule, ended abruptly when Sudoplatov became caught up in the in-lighting between rival factions after Stalin's death. He was arrested, accused of being a traitor and an enemy of the people and imprisoned for 15 years. Only after the collapse of the Soviet Union was Sudo-platov rehabilitated.

leader with a bomb disguised as a box of chocolates primed to go off 30 minutes after it only those in power can in-

Sudoplatov was fortunate to:



Spanish communists who had worked for the Soviets during the Spanish Civil War. After the failure of the first attempt on Trotsky's life, Sudoplatov personally chose Ramon Merder who carried out the task successfully.
When Hitler invaded the

Soviet Union in 1941, Sudoplatov was appointed director of the Administration of Special Tasks. He was responsible for guerilla warfare and running agents in German occupied territory. Then, when relations between Stalin and his British and American allies cooled. Sudoplatov was naturally involved in operations against them. He credited Beria with having the fore-sight to realise the impordirect resources, which Sudo-platov then controlled, to acquiring intelligence on its

The defector Nikolai Khokhlov described him as a Konovalets. His account of fident speech denoted an important and intelligent man He also knew the value of that studied simplicity in which

burgh's Andrew Melion Uni-

Ruth Draper, the famous monologuist, based in London

and the US, was Paul's aunt

Like her, the imagination and

uniqueness of his gifts, stand

like "the still point", alone.

Bach's chorale, It is a friendly

ODAY it is possible to | was tipped from a horizontal | dulge". But his flaggare rep-buy the revelations of a | to a vertical position and his | utation could not prevent his downfall. His links to Beria, a contender for power, and, he suspected, his knowledge of Nikita Krushchev's involvement in climinating rivals in wartime Ukraine, led to his

ing start,

Politically naive, Sudopla-tov did the Kremlin's dirty work. It was only when Statouched him personally—his wife, Emma, a fellow NKVD officer, was Jewish—that he began to question his rulers.

Despite appeals to Breshnev he surved his full tam
and on release, like fellow for

mer agents, he used his for eign languages to translate children's books pseudony monsty With glasnost he again pressed for his

rehabilitation.
Though his request was turned down by Gorbachev. KGB to write accounts of operations he carried out and lecture young recruits. He also attracted the attention of historian Dmitri Volkogonov and through him American journalists Jerold and Leona Schlecter, who together with on Special Tasks.
With the publication of a

Russian version this year, Sudoplatov gave a final inter-view to a Moscow paper. He still asserted that he was no war against terrorists who at tacked the Soviet state Finally rehabilitated, his rank and many awards restored and his contributions to Soviet espionage rec self a victim of Soviet repression as much as a per petrator. He is survived by his son, an economist at Mos cow University.

Pavel Anatollevich Sudoplator spy, born 1907; died Septembe

Death Notices

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Memorial Services

Birthdays

Marriages

Mark Frankel

In tireless pursuit of perfection

FIRST met Mark Frankel, | where Leon forces himself to | sisted that I had found the | Frensham Heights, where his | the actor, who has died | eat lobster to impress a non- | right actor to play Leon. Va- | talents and ambitions to being to find an actor to play the the camera. lead in Leon the Pig Former. Mark, fresh from playing Michelangelo in a mega budget television series, turned up dressed for the role every inch the Jewish single

Sitting at my kitchen table, we ran through the scene make the film together, I in- Aged 12 he went to school at

What struck me then, and what struck everyone who You wanted to be in his com-pany. Drama school can't months later, when Vadim been no film, Jean and I met and agreed to He was born in Surrey.

some weeks before. It turned out to be the same actor. We three accepted this coincidence as a happy stroke of fate and got on with the busi-ness of making the film. Without Mark, there would have

was soon playing lead roles, a talent that was recognised when he won a scholarship to the Webber Douglas Acad-emy. After graduating, he won rave reviews for his professional debut in Days of Cacafy, and within weeks was

snapped up to play Michel-angelo opposite F Murray Abraham. Typically, he was confident about the speed of his rise and just as typically was completely unaffected by His career was divided equally between Los Angeles and the UK. He starred in the top rated US show Sisters. It was while his career was deall-action hero in Fortune Hunter, that he agreed to do London. It was typical of him (and natural for him) to put faith in a low budget feature being made by a friend. Every time a film school student offered him a short film, you could sense his American agent sweating. His shocking death has come before the release of Roseanna's Grave in which he stars with Jean

> His approach to acting was methodical — but not without humour. He was a perfectionist, often insisting on another take, when he knew he had more to give. We went together to buy a watch for Leon, spent four hours in Brent Cross, and he eventu-ally decided the right watch

both Leon and Solitaire, I had tragically after a motorcy-cle accident aged 34, when came to my flat. I was try-the scene again, this time for whose show-reel he had cut studied psychology — the one turned them into a character and worked tirelessly to find every nuance. During the filming of Leon, his wife, Caroline, complained that if she had wanted to marry a neu-rotic Jewish estate agent she would have gone out and got Despite this dedication and

the inherent uncertainties of acting, he had his life in perspective. Caroline brought his weeks-old son, Fabien, to the Solitaire set. Mark's love for them both was so strong you could touch it. Undoubtedly Mark had

been deeply affected by the death of his brother Joe in an accident in 1990. For Mark, this only spurred on his amazing lust for life. He was a superb tennis player, an inspired raconteur, a parachutist, one of the most incompetent men at ordering food I have ever met, a fine actor and the most generous of friends. The legacy he leaves, personally and profession-ally, will be an inspiration to

is one of him smiling or laughing or being passionate about life. The saddest thing about his tragic death is that we are all deprived of memories to come. I already miss his future and his part in

Gary Synor

Mark Frankel, actor, born June

The Rev William Glenesk | was theatre professor at Pittswrites: To Larry Adler's fine remembrance of his years with dancer Paul Draper (obituary, September 25), I should add a footnote from working with both of them in my New York City church some 30 years ago. From the blacklist days (or I can't forget the rare flight of his churchly dance to JS

years) Paul became a brilliant teacher, first at the Uta Hagen/Herbert Berghof Day. A joyous spirit, I sus-School of Theatre, then, in the 1970s, when the old radical into light.

Birthdays

Julie Andrews, actress, 61; | Hampshire, philosopher, 82; Margaret Bramall, former director, National Council for One-Parent Families, 80; Jimmy Carter, former US president, 72; Cardinal Ca-hal Daly, Primate of All Ireland, 79; Shirley Dex, economist, 46: Sandy Gall, broadcaster, 69: John Gray, ambassador to Belgium, 60: John Gunnell, Labour MP, 63; Richard Hambro, chairman, Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, 50; Prof Sir Stuart

clear if the presence of these

Richard Harris, actor, 63; Dave Holland, jazz musician, 50; Graham Leach, broadcaster, 48; Mary McFadden, fashion designer, 58; Walter Matthau, actor, 76; Dame Kathleen Ollerenshaw, educationist, 84; Prof. Sir Roland Smith, industrialist, 68; Rt Rev David Stancliffe, Bishop of Salisbury, 54; Prof Jean Thomas, macro-molecular biochemist, 54; Paul Walsh, footballer, 34,

Jewish boys and only dated boys was due to the fact that Jewish girls. When other the East End was running out teams protested, as they sometimes did, about the apof Jews, or if Stepney's manager, desiring even wider pearance of non-Jews in the margins of victory over the Jewish teams (the league ofties from the other side of the tracks, had simply recruited them from the other local schools. Our own team's token Gentile was the goalkeeper, Paul V, but he was a kind of honorary Jew, and not a ringer. For fetishistic reasons of his own Paul only befriended

rules were remarkably fuzzy in this area) a loose test was sometimes applied. Could the alleged Gentile repeat in Hebrew the first line of the Shena? Paul had been well coached and when the challenge came — at haif time in a tournament match against the despised Golders Green he stood forward in all his gorgeous, turned up-nose, freckled blondeness, shook his Rod Stewart shag and annunciated. The other team was not amused. "Pull his shorts down!" someone yelled. "What is this? Nazi Germany?" our manager wanted to know. Jonathan Wilson recounts the trials and tributations of being a Gentile in a Jewish team. Jewish Quarterly.

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Unaffected by success . . . Mark Frankel in Leon the Pig Farmer

Jackdaw



Heavenly help

HEAVENLY Father, look down on us your humble, obedient tourist servants who are doomed to travel this earth, taking photographs malling postcards, buying souvenirs and walking around in drip-dry

underwear. We beseech you, O Lord, to see that our plane is not hijacked, our luggage is not lost and our overweight baggage

goes unnoticed. And if, perchance, we skip an historic monument to take a nap after lunch, have mercy on us, our flesh is weak. We pray that the tele phones work and that the

and that there is no mail wait ing from our children which would force us to cancel the

Lead us, dear Lord, to good inexpensive restaurants where the food is superb, the waiters friendly and the wine included in the price of the Grant us the strength to

visit the museums, the cathe-

drals, the palaces and the casties listed as "musts" in our (This part of the prayer is

for husbands): Dear God, Keep our wives from shopping sprees and pro-tect them from "bargains" they don't need or can't afford. Lead them not into temptation, for they know not what

they do. (This part of the prayer is for the wives): Almighty Father, keep our husbands from looking at foreign women and comparing them to us. Save them from making fools of themselves in cales and nightclubs. Above all, do not forgive them their

trespasses for they know ex-actly what they do.

ones, grant us the favour of finding someone who will look at our home movies and listen to our stories, so that our lives as tourists will not have been name of Conrad Hilton, Thomas Cook and American Express. Amen. A prayer for those who wande

Dundee Congregational Church magazine. Predictable

the earth. offered up in the

DEAR Mr Prior. I'm wondering if you've safely recieved the Lucky Talisman i sent you recently, in answer to your request. As I've mentioned to you aiready, the fact that you were ber 1974, under the sign of Capricorn, means that a really lucky spell is just around the corner for you. I was also anxious to explain that lucky chances have to be

recognised and seized. That's

why I offered to send you my

horoscope prediction, on a trial basis, without obliga-

tion, to help you get every-thing you can out of this super-lucky period. But I haven't heard anything back I must admit I'm a bit sur-

prised and saddened by this. cause I know that you in particular Mr Prior, really need to recognise and seize these opportunities that will be dangling within your grasp. If you do, your dreams can be fulfilled and you can get what you want out of life. But it's important to act

very quickly. If you don't act quickly, Mr Prior, it might be too late. And you never know, this may be the last lucky period that ever comes along. So to make sure that all the golden opportunities awaitng you and other Capricorns aren't wasted. I'm taking the liberty of asking you to com-plete and return the attached questionnaire as fast as you can. In fact today, if possible For you born on Saturday

25 December 1974, Mr Prior.

these will be many fascinat-

ing glimpses into the future. As I mentioned to you in my

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previous letter, these will help you:

- to safeguard your health. - to protect the future of your family and loved ones to discover any hidden talents you have. - to prevent misfortune. -- to learn the special secret

of attracting luck.

I'm counting on your reply. Maria Duval, the most gifted medium of our era. The hard sell of the miracle cure. Maria does charge £29.50 for her prediction but it sobviously worth it. Daniel Webb sent in the letter, mentioning it was the most recent example of a long one-way correspondence between Maria and himself. Her powers of prediction seemed to have failed in letting

Gentile or Jew?

her know his name.

I WAS not, of course, physically afraid of the rich kids, as l was of players on the East End teams, some of whom were not even Jewish: bullet headed Richie "The Gob" Bridgend and Ian MacDonald, his partner on the wing, both of whom took the field for Stepney Lads. It was never

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the age of 60, which was why Mr Lane was brought in to currently Holiday Inn's chairman and who was due to leave Bass in December.

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But City analysts reacted

gesting Bass had effectively

prompted his departure, and claimed that the company

problem at Holiday Inn.
In a terse statement, issued

Lane's resignation with "im-

mediate effect" and that he

would be replaced by Bryan Langton, his predecessor in

Sources at Bass admitted there were "differences" with Mr Lane but sought to play down talk of a crisis, insisting that because Mr Lane had not vet formally joined the Bass board he would not be entitled to as much compensation as might be expected.

According to Bass's most recent annual report. Mr as highly relevant.





Chunnel shares suspended

Risk of administration if talks on debt restructuring fail

Patrick Donovan

Eurotunnel risks being placed into administration under French law unless there is a realistic prospect of agreeing the restructuring of its 28 billion borrowings with its consor-tium of 220 international

Although Eurotunnel is still hopeful that a deal can be thrashed out over the next few days, it took the unusual step of yesterday suspending its shares to avoid a false

lan King

Holiday Inn's

chief checks

out in a hurry

to the negotiations warned that a move to put the company into administration protectif — the French equivalent of the US Chapter 11 system of ring-fencing com-panies from their creditors — was being regarded as an option if the negotiations

Any such move would result in shares being frozen indefinitely for the hundreds of thousands of small investors who hold 70 per cent of the company which is listed on both the London and Paris stock exchanges. Shares were

stock exchanges. Shares were suspended at 115p. Lawyers acting for the Franch shareholder associa-



banks would indisputably be heavily penalised by an insol-The warning came as both [company,

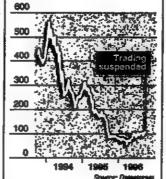
his French counterpart, Rob-ert Badinter, who had been appointed as arbitrators by the French court. Co-chairman of Eurotun-nel, Sir Alastair Morton, had

whipped up expectation that a deal was pending when ear-lier this month he said that the company and banks were "eight hours" away from an It is understood that an out-

marks the expiry of the man-date of Lord Wakeham and

line financing agreement has been agreed in principle which is likely to involve a massive "debt-for-equity" transfer: the conversion of outstanding bank borrowing into shares to be held by the hanks. If implemented, this is likely to see the banks holding up to 49 per cent of the

Eurotunnel



the issue of convertible

deal can be struck it will be ures show that it now comfinalised over the next week.

National Westminster banks, together with their French counterparts, Banque Nationale de Paris and Credit Lyonnais. But the consortium has had difficulty in forming a consensus because of the dif-ferent vested interests which include the European Coal and Steel Community and the

European Investment Bank. Analysts last night remained sceptical about when a deal could be reached. One said: "The trouble is that this has been going on for so long that it is difficult to know how seriously to take

Despite its financial problems, Eurotunnel has increased its market share against stiff competition from the rival ferries. Latest figmarket being created by speculation over the future of the would be hit hard by any company.

Well-placed sources close | Franch snareholder association association. Georges as out as per cent or flowever, there are still dispute surrounding the hugely company into deadline. A resolution had been expected as this date programme, which includes headed by Midland and for its Le Shuttle services.

Notebook

Hole in ground for bank funds



Edited by Patrick Donovan

TUROTUNNEL co-chairman Sir Alastair Morton must be bitterly regrethours" away from clinching a refinancing deal on its £8 billion debt mountain.

Far from being in a position to announce an agreement, Sir Alastair was yesterday forced to suspend shares because of the level of uncertainty about Eurotunnel's future. And it now looks like the negotiations with the banks are making so little progress that there is a very real risk that the company will be taken into administration protectif— the French equivalent of the US Chapter 11 method of ringfencing a

business from creditors. All now depends on the recommendations of the court-appointed arbitrators, Lord Wakeham and his French counterpart, Robert Badinter, Nothing has been made public, but the word is that the arbitrators' report proposes that Eurotunnel should write down its borrowings by a massive debt-for-equity swap which would give its bankers just under 50

per cent of its share capital.

This is obviously bad news for shareholders, many of whom are small punters who bought the stock because of the promise of travel discount perks. However the deal is couched, it will result in a sharp drop in the share price which was last week hovering around a year's high at 115p. But things could be even worse if no agreement is reached and Eurotunnel is obliged to go into administra-tion protectif. This could lead to an indefinite suspension of

tempts to strike up any kind of refinancing agreement. Putting the company into any kind of administration would be the worst of all possible options. The only way forward is to give Eurotunnel the means to support its bank borrowings by restructuring the company. And the sooner this is resolved, the better for

Demand matters

OLITICIANS always put on a show for the party time. The activists who knock on doors — or tele-canvas, these days — expect s bit of Gordon Brown's offering in Blackpool yesterday was a classic of its genre. It had some sideswipes at Farmania out sorting out of the speed out of the s and umpteen swings on the "boardroom excesses" of the

Rebecca Smithers Political Correspondent

Lang says firms would pay

dear for Labour Euro plan

right of every Labour front-bencher. And to some extent it was deserved. The idea was to contrast Labour's one-nation approach to the econo-my with the Government's skewing of rewards to the "privileged few".

A more careful analysis of the speech, however, revealed a few weaknesses. The fact that Labour is unprepared to assert that those guilty of boardroom excess should pay higher income tax means that it has had to fall back on a one-off windfall tax on the utilities to fund its back-towork programme. Even if Mr Brown grabs 25 billion, he is only talking about less than 1 per cent of GDP on a nonrecurring basis.
This underlines a more

serious problem. Labour's approach to the economy, as outlined by Mr Brown, is entirely aimed at the supply side. There is barely a men-tion of demand, and where there is, it is to deny that demand management has any place in the running of modern Britain.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Supply side measures have their place. measures have their place, but will only be fully effective if demand is expanded to ensure there are jobs for university graduates and 18-year-old trainings.

Expansionist policies are possible without reigniting inflation, as the US has years. The Blairite modernisers have learned many lesit would be bizarre indeed if the most important lesson of all fell on deaf ears.

Consult, please

Stacking of its last chief executive, Michael Lawrence, over market reforms, the Stock Exchange can ill afford more controversy about its plans to restructure the market with a new orderdriven share dealing system. For all its effort to liase with the City, however, it now looks like the Exchange faces dissent over its proposals for shares and further hamper atsince the 1986 Big Bang.

Both the Exchange and the City believe that London needs to restructure its dealing system to hold its own in the fast-moving European equity markets. There is a general belief that the City will have to evolve to an order-driven market.
whereby dealers post up the
size and price of deals they
are prepared to trade on electronic bulletin boards. This could represent a steady phasing out of traditional "market OLITICIANS always put on a show for the party faithful at conference orders on the basis of price. But although the Exchange

has the City's backing in prinsome sideswipes at Kenneth implications or technical Clarke, a dig at Lord Saatchi problems involved in dealing in major trades. The Exchange must resolve

these differences promptly if The shadow chancellor du-tifully received the standing ovation that is seen as the another City row.

NE of the biggest jobs in the hotel industry was up for grabs last night after Tim Lane, presiwith the company." The spokesman said there Mecca betting chains from Grand Metropolitan in 1989. dent and chief executive of had been no "black holes" at Ray Hinton of the accoun Holiday Inn, resigned after Holiday Inn but admitted tants Arthur Andersen ruled only seven months in the there were "organisational differences" about how the business should be managed. that Brent Walker had paid £117 million too much for the £685 million acquisition be-Bass, the brewing and leisure group which owns Holi-day Inn. said 47-year-old Mr cause the betting profits were 255 million were declared for overstated. Brent Walker had the year to September 1989. He added: "You have to keep an organisation like Holiday Inn going forward, and the manner in which he Lane - who is likely to receive a seven-figure com-pensation payment — had resigned because of "funda-

stantially more.

was going about it was not the way we felt he should." City analysts suggested that Mr Lane may have left to pre-vent the possibility that other senior managers at Holiday Inn might resign in protest at with surprise at the nature of Mr Lane's resignation, sug-

his management style. One said Bass would have to be careful in selecting a permanent replacement for Mr Lane because it could not be seen to have "made the after the market closed, Bass same mistake twice". said it had accepted Mr

He added: "You get the im-pression that Lane was a bit like a bull in a china shop. Langton, his predecessor in the post.

Holiday Inn was performing very strongly and had already been turned round — it appeared he was trying to do it

Bass, which completed the replace Mr Langton, who is full acquisition of Holiday Inn in 1990 for \$2.8 billion (£1.8 billion), surprised the hotel industry when it appointed Mr Lane in February. Mr Lane, who came from PeosiCo Restaurants, where he had been running the Pizza Hut, Taco Bell and Kentucky Fried Chicken operations in Asia, had not previously worked in the hotel

chising experience was seen Third World countries, bank Langton received a total sal- In its most recent trading

industry, although his fran-

Brent Walker recoups £117m from betting stake of seven years ago

A SEVEN-YEAR legal battle came to an end yesterday with an arbiwould have been earning sub-A Base spokesman said:
"We are not giving details of
any pay-offs. We don't discuss trator's ruling that the strug gling leisure group Brent Walker overpaid when it bought the William Hill and sought to retrieve £235 million GrandMet will end up payto retrieve

ing only £36 million because Brent Walker had withheld \$50 million of the purchase price, which with accumu-lated interest totalled

£82 million.
The row was based on the profitability of the betting chains when they were sold. Under GrandMet's accounting practices, profits of He said the difference hung

Nichard Thomas

HE World Bank is plan-

ning a new watchdog to

monitor the social effect

of its development pro-

grammes, to counter claims

that its policies are failing the

As the finance ministers of

the main industrialised

nations yesterday put the

final touches to an initiative

to ease the debt burden on

officials admitted that many

lending and debt relief

world's poorest people.

in Washington

WILLIAM HIB lost £8 million and paid out more than £500,000 to one gambler as part of a £30 million hit from Saturday's performance by Frankie Dettori, who rode all seven winners at Ascot — breaking records and almost doing the same for the bank at the country's betting shops

"This was the worst day in bookmaking history; our equivalent of a stock market crash, a real Black Saturday," said Graham file. in a stock market statement, Stanley Leisure said the winning streak would hit its first-half results by some £2.25 million. Its shares fell 7%p to 234%p.

Ladbroke said it did not know how much it had lost. But a spokeomen added that the industry could whi in the end because of the publicity generated. "Frankle Dettori has actually done the industry a lot of good."

a report from a task group on social development, commissionately strategy may proceed from an

This was the sum on which the purchase price was based. But Mr Hinton said yesterday that the true profits were less than £46 million.

A spokesman for Grand Metropolitan stressed that the company's accounting practices had been approved by auditors, and that accounting standards had been tight-ened considerably since the late 1980s.

James Wolfensohn. The paper calls for \$7 million (£4 mil-lion) to be channelled into a

high-profile "Social Learning

Group" within the Bank,

charged with assessing the ef-

fect of all bank policies on in-

equality, poverty and the gen-

passed to the Guardian -

calls on Mr Wolfensohn to

commit the bank to a more

socially aware development

philosophy. It warns that the

bank's Country Assistance

der gap.
The unpublished report

£55 million were declared for t on the issue of reorganisation costs. GrandMet had excluded the cost of "parallel running" administrative functions following its acquisition of William Hill from Sears.

Because a decision had been taken to close one of the offices, the cost of that office was treated as exceptional, thus inflating the profits that were declared to Brent Walker.

The purchase was the last in Brent Walker's dramatic acquisition spree, which saw

incomplete or even false

understanding of key issues

and the social dynamics of de-

velopment," the paper warns.
"An assistance strategy

which satisfies the bank and

the government may fail as a

tool for improving the lives of

poor people in the borrowing

While the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, yesterday threw

his weight behind an initia-

tive from the World Trade

Organisation to help poor

countries trade their way out

of poverty, the bank paper

it grow from a small property-based business to a leisure conglomerate. Soon after the acquisition,

the company hit a financial crisis. George Walker, the firm's founder, was forced out and subsequently found not guilty after being prosecuted by the Serious Fraud Office. The company has been sup-ported by bankers, who hoped for an orderly disposal of its remaining assets. Yesterday's decision is

likely to advance the sale of the William Hill chain, although several details still have to be agreed between Brent Walker and GrandMet GrandMet said yesterday that it hoped to settle outstanding matters quickly. But Brent Walker said it would have to agree interest on the sum now due to it, as well as

interest on the £117 million could come to £80 million. But GrandMet said the amount should not be subject to interest because there had been no

called on Western countries to abolish tariffs on imports from

the most indebted nations, and

said he would be pushing WTO

members to commit them-

selves to trade reform.

Mr Ruggiero said linking

labour standards to trade lib-

eralisation was still the most

thorny issue dividing the in-dustrialised countries, with Britain fiercely resisting any

connection of trade and social

Aid agencies said the reluc-

tance to use trade as a lever

for enforcing better labour

legislation.

World Bank plans poverty watch

AN Lang, the Trade and Industry Secretary, yesterday warned that Tony Blair had effectively signed "a blank cheque" on behalf of British conditions. Mr Lang's warning that the The WTO director-general. Renato Ruggiero, yesterday

shadow chancellor Gordon Brown reaffirmed Labour's plans to sign up to the Social Chapter — from which the Government negotiated an opt-out.
"Tony Blair is deceiving

himself and misleading the country if he thinks he can sign on and escape the conse-quences," Mr Lang said. "The Government believes that ac- profit today."

cepting the Social Chapter would be tantamount to sign-ing a blank cheque." Mr Lang was launching a

government booklet which sets out its opposition to the Social Chapter. Translated into French, German, Spanish and Italian, the 16-page booklet will be sent to tens of companies by committing booklet will be sent to tens of Labour to the European social Chapter on working timental companies, MPs and

It claims in a Eurosceptic commitment could cost Brit-ish industry billions of of British business and thou-pounds came on the day that sands of UK jobs would be jeopardised by accepting the Chapter. Unfavourable examples of continental practice are cited, and Pierre Godfroid, chairman of the lossmaking Belgian airline Sabena, is quoted as saying: "If the UK and had only to apply British costs to its personnel, then Sabena would be in

TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

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BIG BANG 10 years on

In the second of our series, DAN ATKINSON charts the hedonism that couldn't last after the crash on Black Monday



Key to the City gates . . . the £1.5 million rural retreat for the newly refurbished gent and his family

Rise and fall of the young ones

history BBB (Before Big Bang), the City was populated by bowler-hatted surely hours, spent half their lives doing crosswords on trains and the other half doz-

ing in club armchairs.
Or so the myth-makers would have you believe. In fact, old-school City types, whether on the Exchange floor, in merchant banks or at Lloyd's, always broke sweat

But, unlike their successors - the soft young men and women of Big Bang - they did not make a song and dance about it.

Nor did they advertise their out-of-hours high-jinks, despite the fact that the muchpublicised champagne-guzzling of the late 1980s probably registered no higher on the intoximeter than some of the epic lunches and evening entertainments of ear-

eral lethargy was ever true, it | resembling Aztec temples, | style "that has changed out of | rich that commanded

Top brass abandon town to bury their gold in rural piles

the porter's lodge. The big house itself runs to 14 bedrooms, a wine cellar, a

ourtyard and a "strong room". This is Toddington Park, Bedfordshire (seen above), the ha shife issent above, are narrows over dence yet that swelling City salaries really have brought the housing market back from the grave. Somewhere out there is a well-established City gent with a large family who needs spend only the odd day in Town and who may well decide this is just the place to hang his hat for a while.

And the cost? Hamptons of St Jamen's, which is handling the sale, is looking for £1.5 million, about dentile

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years ago during the pit of the recession. That's the sort of money to make the property of the sort of money to make the property of the sort of the kenzie, Hamptone's country-house diearth period home could be bitting the £1 million mark now.

The City may have been through a lean time but the survivors are back in force as earnings — for the big brass, at least — roar ahead. Late-marrying City analysts, directors, solicitors and ionals are shifting to the iticks, sending top prices back to be-

Superb Features

warned, are for the gold-plated elite; iraders and market-makers, who nee to be close to the City, are unlikely to oin the party. This is strictly an event for those able to "down" either a stabstantial cash pile of their own or (increasingly rare) a super-secure top Job. Crazed berrowing, 1980s-style, is ecramble to buy a house — any hou

"The least popular house was popular in '89," he said. "Now there is a segree of sense in the market." Today he said, the high-earners prefer ho they can be happy in to homes with

tants and solicitors. In law and accounting, there has been a real revolution of working habits and environment: the vast new merged

applied largely to the City's | would be as unrecognisable to | all recognition". So it was de | tion but their clean living professionals, the account the managing partners of yest creed that Big Bang marked | and, above all, their dedications are consistent with the consistency of the consistenc teryear as the frantic, round-the-clock activity on behalf of

But if there was one thing the eighties media loved more

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ations, it did — although in the early days it was not the firms, housed in office blocks than a lifestyle, it was a life high-rolling of the new young

Year Zero for a new breed in tion to work. The newly-minted young

professionals furnished their homes in Islington, Highbury and "south Chelsea" (Battersea) with classic good taste: pecial attention was given to kitchen fittings and culinary

Their one real indulgence was their cars (solid BMWs were favourite), their one real social forum the dinner party. This lifestyle spoke of a certain earnestness and reliabil-

ity, an image shattered beyond repair by Black Monday on October 19, 1967. The crash proved beyond

doubt that the new, young "talent" was not up to the job. While the "young professionals" stared in disbelled at their screens, it was left to the despised veterans to rally the troops and hold the fort.

The media never really forgave the shock workers for Black Monday. As 1987 turned into 1988,

the spotlight shifted from the long hours, the work-hard, play-hard, keep-fittery and the impeccable personal taste on to lurid tales of cocaine addiction on trading floors, of 10-pint lager sessions fol-lowed by the "quest for fire" of Liverpool Street.
Exit the Yuppie, enter —
courtesy of Midweek magazine — the Yobbie.

By the end of the decade,

had undergone what they would call a "status change". No longer the answer to Britain's economic problems, they were relabelled, identi-fied as part of the problem. The public loves a winner. but by the dawn of the nineties, the 'young profession-als" were looking like losers.

As one bank after another repented its Big Bang involvement, thousands of jobs were lost. Citibank pulled out, as did Morgan Grenfell. By 1992, as experts esti-

mated a total loss on Big Bang of £4 billion, the great merry-go-round slowed. For those still in gainful employment. bonuses evaporated as the telephones stopped ringing tween in the early nineties.
And, as the sharks were

starved of meat, so the sucker-fish died: trendy wine bars, night clubs and restaurants collapsed, followed by suit-shops, smoked-salmon outlets and all-round "gentlemen's emporia".

In the night-life nierarchy. everyone moved down a rung high-flyers abandoned champagne palaces and designer restaurants for the simpler pleasures of the wine bar, previously the haunts of more junior members, who were now rediscovering the delights of the pub.

The clouds have lifted since then, and the 1993 Goldman Sachs bonus bonanza even made the City look sexy again, for a while. New restaurants are springing up in Smithfield to service the inner men of the Square Mile. and property prices are on

But closer study discloses that, in a strange way, City lifestyles have come a full circle in a decade.

Today's spenders are not loud young men in their twenties boasting of "pres sure" jobs, but those at execu tive or partner level whose positions and incomes are as certain as anything can be in 1996. The young ones are back (a curry) and a ride home on the "vomit comet" trains out of Liverpool Street. wine, a palatial home, these things are reserved for their elders if not betters.

As, of course, is the time to young men in stripey shirts enjoy crossword puzzles.

£700m lost as ADT deal collapses

ORE than \$700 million was wiped off the market value of Michael Ashcroft's ADT group after the Bermuda-based security and car auction company said its \$4 billion (£2.7 billion) merger with Republic Industries had

The all-share deal with Republic, a US waste disposal company, would have created the largest security firm in the US. Mr. Ashcroft stood to make about £200 million from

But the plan ran into frou-ble after Republic's share price dropped by nearly one third at a time when US stock markets were booming.

ous opposition from Western Resources. a US utility com pany with a 24 per cent stake in ADT. In a filing with Wall Street watchdog the Securi-ties and Exchange Commisthat it found the all-share nature of the deal unacceptable. said to be haggling over the terms of the transaction, with terms in order to protect ADT ity in Republic's share price.

he blamed the breakdown on "uncertainty, mainly attribu-table to stock market conditions over the past two months". ADT's share price fell **50**p to 1,200p:

Mr Ashtroff said: "The de-lay in completing the transac-tion forced both companies to put business expansion plans on hold for too long. They will now be free to resume their individual business plans."

Jeffrey Kessier, an analyst at Lehman Brothers, put ADT back on his buy-list yesterday, arguing that ADT was likely to strengthen its position and market share, partly through acquisitions.

He added that new products could add as many as 100,000 accounts in 1997, and went on to predict that another suitor for the group could emerge in the next two or three years.

Republic chairman and zenga said: "We have agreed this combination is no longer in the best interests of our

respective companies."
This is the first blow to Mr. mammoth group with interests in security, rubbish colstores. He has engineered more than 30 acquisitions since taking over the for-

News in brief

Refuge wins over merger opponents

REFUGE Group, the door-to-door life insurance company that is proposing a merger with industry rival United Friendly, headed off a shareholder rebellion yesterday by offering investors a sweetener.

The company said it had devised a new type of security that would guarantee shareholders access to any surplus assets in its life fund beyond the £430 million already released. Britannic Assurance, which holds just over 10 per cent of Refuge shares and had opposed the merger, indicated it would accept the new terms. The deal will create United Assurance,

the UK's fourth-largest door-to-door insurer. — Richard Miles

Newsprint costs Guardian

THE Guardian Media Group yesterday blamed higher newsprint prices and an increase in redundancy payments for a 28 per cent drop in profits to £20.1 million in the year to March. The cost of newsprint rose by £10.3 million. The redundancy charge was

£4.7 million, against £3.4 million the year before.

But the company, whose stable includes the Guardian and Observer as well as regional publications and broadcasting interests, said underlying trading was stronger than the beadline figures suggested. Newsprint prices were easing and although advertising volume was not buoyant, chairman Harry Roche said it was "reasonable to expect some growth". The company said costs associated with the transfer of newspaper printing to West. Ferry from the Guardian Press Centre, which was damaged by an IRA bomb, were expected to total about £20 million and would be shown in next year's accounts. — Lisa Buckingham

Britannia buys home loans

BRITANNIA, the UK's sixth-largest building society, has bought Citibank's £1.1 billion mortgage portfolio for an undisclosed sum. The society will be sending letters to holders of the 30,000 residential mortgages involved, explaining how their loans are to be administered. — Jill Papuorth

Kepit comes clean

KEPIT, the afling £500 million Kleinwort European Privatisation Investment Trust at the centre of a bidding war, yesterday came clean on the terms of its recommended cash offer to shareholders. Directors of Kepit said its offer was worth 106.4p per share and one-fifth warrant, compared with 104.8p from hostile bidder TR European Growth. — Richard Miles

Droning on - eight years late

PHOENIX, the army's £227 million battlefield reconnaissance drone, has been given fresh Ministry of Defence endorsement after 11 years of technical failure. The decision, after 12 months of remedial work by GEC Marconi at the company's expense, means the drone should enter service in 1998 — eight years late and way over the contract price of £80 million. The small pilotless aero plane is launched from the back of a lorry. The problem has been landing it again without smashing the electronic equipment with which it sends back pictures of artillery targets. The solution is a parachute and airbag. — David Fairhall

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ROGER COWE on the landfill levy that has united opposing camps ROM this morning.

rubbish dumped in landfill sites will be subject to a "green tax". Every tonne of waste will be charged an extra £2 if it is inert material, or £7 for other waste, including local authority collections of household refuse. The tax has taken two

years to come to fruition. and has been widely criticised on all sides. The Environmental Ser vices Association, the trade

body which represents waste collection companies, said yesterday that the tax would add to costs and push up council tax bills. Friends of the Barth,

however, said the tax was not high enough to achieve its objective of reducing the amount of rubbish dumped "It's a small green step in

the right direction. But it won't really work," said

mstainability. On this point the two sides agree. ESA chairman and chief executive, Peter Nelll, said: "I am sceptical whether isolated economic

Green tax fails to please anyone

waste management." There is also agreement on the overall objective of reducing rubbish dumping. Apart from being a waste of potentially valuable resources, landfill sites can be a source of pollution, both through leaching in to land and water sources and through the creation of the greenhouse gas, methane, as rubbish decomposes.

instruments will be enough

to encourage sustainable

But that is where the con ensus ends. FoE cites a study for the Government by consultants Coopers & Lybrand which estimated that the current level of tax will increase recycling by only I per cent. It wants the tax set at a minimum £30 per tonne and it wants that sum also levied on incinercampaigner Mike ation, to avoid the levy di verting waste from landfill

cerned that now the tax is in place, the sum could easily be increased by a hardup Chancellor, just like tax on booze or cigarettes. And it argues that a hefty landfill bill will increase illegal fly-tipping.

There is not even agreeof Environmental Trusts, contributions.

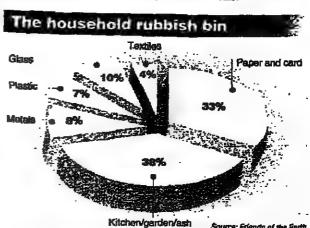
sites to incinerators, which it believes are dangerous and do not encourage

financed by up to 20 per cent of the tax revenues.

Everyone agrees they are The industry is con-erned that now the tax is a good thing, but FoE wor-ries that they will be super-vised by a regulator largely

controlled by the industry. The tax will not even help the Chancellor in his Budget arithmetic, since he promised from the start that the impact on industry would be neutral. The sums raised for the Treasury will ment on the greenest part be offset by reductions in of the plan - the creation national insurance insurance

Source: Friends of the Earth



A 61-year-old

former rodeo

his methods

rider brings

to racing

in Britain

Report by

Jili Tumer

Photographs by

Richard Wintle

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language. As a result he can persuade a barely handled,

highly strung novice to accept bridle, saddle and rider in

Horses may be quickly receptive to the former rodeo

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and work we might selfishly gain from them." Roberts, who inspired the

best-selling novel and forth-coming film The Horse Whis-

perer, bases his methods on

equine psychology. Horses, he says, are flight animals and

need the security of numbers.

Once they have been taken from a group they will want

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There was a telling example

earlier this year. The trainer

Con Marnane in the Republic

of Ireland had attended one of Roberts's talks and was anxious to try the methods on a sloppy colt he was trying to break.

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Newmarket runners and riders with form

Kissing the pink . . . Monty Roberts takes time out to nuzzle a graduate from his classes

cantered around the field.

However, he took less time to catch and trotted back meek-

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final time but this time stood | The Household Cavalry

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Henry Cecil, Sir Mark Presa champion two-year-old be-

Courses for horses – the Roberts regime

To date he has started more

than 145 winners including the dual Prix de l'Arc de

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'I am still surrounded by scepticism. Would you rather breed

or to a horse that ran and won because it was frightened?'

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But tradition dies hard. "I

am still surrounded by scepti-

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look at me and think, 'Here's

some jumped-up Californian telling [us] the way we've been doing things for a hun-dred years is wrong.' It's

returned to the stable-yard as | fraternity's scepticism, some | pride, it's machismo, it's tra-meek as a lamb, following the | call on Roberts as an equine | dition, it's all the things that

ORSES listen to our considerable loss — both took 20 minutes to catch and who first invited him to Englished to be a champion three children. I can assure you.

Monty Roberts. The in emotional terms and with return him. At the next at land to work on several of year-old and the highest-rated "The trainers say 10 per of the performance tempt he again broke out and their young racehorses."

German racehorse ever. cent of horses are a problem. Okay, I can drag you out by the hair because I have the physical power but in the end what will I have achieved? I'd say it's nearer 50 per cent. Thirty per cent are on the in-corrigible list at the starting "Will you ever be as good to

me if you are acting out a fear gate - not going in, kicking as if you were in a loving out, hurting people, messing about and delaying the race. relationship with a man and were pleasing him because it was your choice to do so? It is Many are eliminated and sent home at an enormous cost." the same with the horse." Roberts, naturally, is Down at The George in

gainst the whip and appalled Lambourn a couple of gnarled jockeys were sharing a few pints while mulling over their selections for the next day. by the ongoing rows about what constitutes "excessive" "It's more destructive They had heard of Monty Roberts and had even resorted than constructive because it causes many more accidents than it prevents. What conto some of his methods with the odd troublesome horse. founds me is that no one can But as for starting the youngsee how easy it would be to ban it completely. The best sters off with the 30-minute home would still be the best join-up, bridle-up, saddle-up,

won because it wanted to or don't really see how you, as a 'We get 13 or 14 new horses in to a horse that ran and won woman, can ask me that." he a week. We haven't got time to because it was frightened?" says crossly.

"We get 13 or 14 new horses in a week. We haven't got time to muck about like that."

"But in the Tattersalls Houghton Sales Stakes.

Rose Carnival (3.10)

Dazzle to repel French raider

Ken Oliver

AZZLE, Michael Stoute's fleet-footed filly who has lived up to her name with two sparkling performances. puts her reputation on the line at Newmarket today in

the Stadwell Stud Cheveley Park Stakes. Her victories, at Royal Ascot and Newmarket, have elevated her to numhave elevated her to humber one spot in the juvenile fillies' ratings and 4-1 market leader for next year's 1,000 Guineas — a price that will be drastically reduced if she completes the hat-trick with authority.

The main stumbling block could be Pas de Re-

block could be Pas de Re-ponse, whose trainer, Criquette Head, won this group one race in 1987 with Ravinella, who went on to Guineas glory. The French filly certainly

impressed when winning the group three Prix d'Ar-enberg at Evry earlier this month when it was decided that a crack at Dazzle was next on the agenda. Dazzle started her cam-paign at Royal Ascot in

June when, after a slow start, she ran away with the Windsor Castle Stakes. She followed up in the Cherry Hinton Stakes, over the six-furlong July Course at Newmarket, where she showed blistering speed to beat Ocean Ridge by five lengths. A performance that prompted the ante-post layers to make her hot

favourite for the Guineas. It is hard to imagine Ocean Ridge turning the tables and the best of the others appears to be Moon-light Paradise from the inform Godolphin stable.

Moonlight Paradise has
improved with each outing

and with that man Dettori in the saddle she will have her supporters, but I take Dazzle to score from Pas de Respons David Loder has a stable

full of juvenile talent and could take the three twoyear-old races with Abou Zouz, Rose Carnival (both to be ridden by Dettori) and Chivalric. Abou Zouz (2.05) came

back to form in the Gimcrack Stakes at York in August when beating Compton Place by half a hinder progress. All I'm saying is, 'Would you rather'
So what is the secret of Robbreed to a borse that ran and erts's whipless success? "I "Look, love." said one of them. and he is napped to follow

Sedgefield (N.H.)

2.55 Notable Exception 4.30 Red Valerien 5.00 Canton Conture 2.50 Stags Fell 2.20 STANLEY RACING SOLDIEN NUMBERS SERVES HOVICES' HURDLE 2m St 110yd

Bullings 5-4 Rushen Bakter, 2-1 Dunny Gele, 9-2 Tigh-Ne-Mare, 8-1 Papa's Box, 12-1 Rule Our The Rest W-1 Kenone. 2.50 SATLEY PUNCH DOWN CLAIMING HURDLE 2: 11 (2,44)

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3.55 SPITPINE MOVICES CHASE 2m SI 62,877 1 125C-1 HOTABLE EXCEPTION (80) Mrs M Revoley 7-11-5 P Revol 2 432F-1 VAL DE HAMA (25) (CD) Donys Serbi 7-11-5 B Choose 3 FPHPPD-3 CARDENAL SERVER (25) J WARE 7-10-12 S. Jones 4 3002F-6 GOLDEN SAYAMBAR (195) M Societaby 5-10-12 D Parker (3) 1 150V-F PAPID RINE (26) J J German 16-10-12 D Donyser (3) 8 PRO-P ISLANDINGAGIN (22) G Richards 5-10-5 A Debbie

1995: Oakley S 11 7 B Sherry 5-4 (Durys Smith) 7 run Beilling 6-4 Natable Exception, 11-4 Rapot Fire, 4-1 Val de Ramo, 5-1 Islandreagh. 14-1 Carpingt Stonet, 16-1 Golden Sandonah. 4.30 KIER WORTH EAST HANDICAP HUMBLE 2m St 110yds 12,792

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5.00 HUMBICANE HOVICES' HURBLE 2m 17 02,308

There are no horses blinkered today for the first time.

Pipe in no hurry to find Bridgwater replacement

yard's back-up to Bridgwater. He is in no hurry to find a replacement. "When and if it does arise that we get someone else we'll let everyone him one win short of his cen-

know," he said.

"There's no rush to get anyone else as the majority of my better horses won't be running until we get the softer ground in November. If the likes of McCoy are available for Exeter and Taunton this week we'll use them."

Pipe suggested Bridgwater's split has handed the jump jockeys' championship on a plate' to McCoy. "Tony to the season.

Crowds of racegoers besieged the weighing room hoping for a glimpse of their hoping for a glimpse of their hoping for a glimpse of obtaining his autograph.

Yeast is unlikely to run in the Tote Cambridgeshire at Newmarket on Saturday. William Haggas, the gelding's trainer, said: "He will probably go for a Listed race at Newmarket on Thursday."

shock" and now plans to ouer rides to the defending cham-said Pipe.

Frankie Dettori fever hit Frankie Dettori fever hit well as using Chris Maude, Bath yesterday where the Ital-who had been acting as the ian rider, who rode all seven winners at Ascot on Satur-day, could manage just one

tury for the season.

Results

HAMILTON

2.15 (1m 65yds): 1, HTRDSGHT, K Fal-ton (2-51av): 2, Lightning Robol (16-1): 3, Moorbird (14-1) 6 ran, %, 7. (W Haggas) Tolo C1 49, £1 10 £4 70. Dual F £5.50 CSF £6.77

ARTIN PIPE is in no McCoy should be very blanch to choose a pleased," he commented.

The Nicholshayne trainer ater, who has quit his job as | said Bridgwater's decision to

the champion jump trainer's sever a partnership which retained jockey. Pipe said yesterday that from 428 rides was a total sur-Bridgwater's decision to go freelance came as a "total on Sunday evening and that shock" and now plans to offer was the first I'd heard of it."

2.00 (Sf 161)yds; 1, SABINA, L Detteri (7-4 tay); 2, Tigretio (4-1); 3, Just Mick (15-2), 12 ran. 13, 18, (18 addra)) Tole 2.90; 13.9, 17.90, 17.90, Dual F 12.90, CSF 10.54. Trio 517.10 NR Aum Seven, Ma Viells

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Darley (11-2), 2, Presentiment (10-1); 3,
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(7-1), 7-2 it lev Mentaleanythin, 14 ran. 5,
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C352.51, Tric: £78.50
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(7-2); 2, Askern (13-8 tay); 2, Ara of The
Dheer (8-1), 10 ran. 5, 18, (W Elsey) Tota:
C5.70, £1.90, £1.80, £1.50, Dual F: £7.70, CSF:
C8.93, Tric: £18.60
4.75 (6f); 1, BEDNIGHT BLAFF, J Weaver
(15-2); 2, King of Peru (7-1); 3, King of
The East (4-1), 7-2 tay Espartoro, 10 ran.
18, hd. (W Jarvis) Tota: £5.30, £1.80, £2.80,
C16.0, Dual F: £18.60, Tric: £41.40, CSF:
C55.63, NF: Six For Luck
4.48 (6f); 1, BATALEUR, C Soudder
(20-1); 2, Desert Invader (16-1); 3, Margio
Laka (10-1); 4, Disco Boy (14-1), 5-1 fay
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Tota: £38.30; £4.40, £4.9, £5.10, £4.30, Dual
F: £237.80, Tric: £27.40, £5. £229.

QUADPOT: £116.30, PLACEPOT; £443.30, C1.30, F1.80, F1.90, Dual F E2.90, CSF-C9.54. Trio E17.10 NR Am Seven, Ma Vielle Pouque, 2.30 (2m 19; 1, MIZU, M Hills (7-1), 2, hechcallines) (7-1), 3, helial (S0-1), 2-1 five Blaze Away 12 ran. 4, 7. (8 Hills) Tohes 19.60; E.50 F1.70, E10.30, Dual F. E31.20, CSF-C52 72. Tricash E2.097 64.
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Lee set for takeover meeting

HE Manchester City chairman Francis Lee, whose managerless, debt-ridden and troubled club still seems able to attract would-be investors, is expected to meet the head of one interested consortium - Mark Guterman, the chairman of the Third Division club Chester City — within the next 24 hours.

Guterman wants to discuss injecting a reported £60 million into the First Division club, which boasts debts of more than £20 million.

Lee's fruitless search for a managerial successor to Alan Ball — the Everton No. 2 Willie Donachie yesterday be-came the latest refusenik has been put on hold as the prospect of City again becom-ing embroiled in a takeover battle looms large, with two consortiums involved.

"I am willing to go and see him [Guterman]," Lee said. If this is a genuine interest, let's try and get him on board. It is no secret that we have spent a few weeks trying to get the right sort of investor gave evidence at the meeting but Kelly emerged to say that no solution had been found.

The second interested party

Wycombe which became va-

cant vesterday following Alan

Smith's departure from the

Wilkins made a single ap-pearance at Adams Park last

month after being sacked by

Queens Park Rangers - he

played in the 1-0 home defeat

by Luton Town — before de-

Smith, the eighth manage-

season, and his assistant

to the foot of the table on Sat-

urday, without a win in nine

games, when they lost 6-3 to

The former Crystal Palace

manager had been the target

of a vociferous group of Wycombe fans and Kemp said

Second Division club.

parting to Hibernian.

Peterborough.

Smith's exit could

AY WILKINS could be a leading contender for the manager's job at caretaker manager, and his

usher in Wilkins

money into Maine Road over which would, presumably, see Lee ousted

It is believed that in exchange for £15 million they would require seats on the board, changes in the back-room operation and the in-stallation of the former England winger Chris Waddle as the club's new manager.

"It shows that the club is a very attractive proposition for people to invest in." Lee said. "It just shows, from being a so-called worn-out club, we are attractive to

● The Football Association's chief executive Graham Kelly was unable to resolve Brigh-ton's problems in a four-hour meeting after the Third Division club's chairman and majority shareholder Bill Archer, who wants to stay at the club, and members of a takeover consortium, led by the millionaire Dick Knight, who want him to go, were summoned to Lancaster Gate. The FA has become concerned that Brighton have not found an alternative to their Goldstone Ground which they must leave in May after sell ing it for develope



French for a culture shock

Michael Walker meets the Carlisle defender Pounewatchy who thought Third Division life was great until the round trip to Torquay

caretaker-manager, and his assistant, the first-team captain Terry Evans. "I hope the fans give Neil and Terry their full support," said Beeks, "beginning against Rotherham [tonight], and give the team a rousing welcome when they step out it is a trip fraught with risk. from the tunnel. See your team win and the ex-Beeks said Smith's departhe most puzzled of non-believers. Witness a defeat hire had been "amicable" and

added: "I have found Alan to have always behaved in a professional manner and it is sad David Kemp paid the price for Wanderers' poor start to the to see him go. But results in the last nine games have brought us to this position. However, we are not going to be rushed into a quick ap-pointment, although the job will be advertised."

Wycombe for 15 mouths after spending two years at Crystal Palace before being sacked, said: "If you look at the Smith had "never really been results, they have not been good enough and, although I accepted by the fans and that has made life extremely difficult". Wycombe's chairman Ivor do not wish to discuss the reasons now, that has to fig-Beeks pleaded with the fans | ure at the top of the list."

HREE HUNDRED | Fulham fail to beat Torquey | his unlikely arrival in Cumand sixty miles is a the Cumbrians will go top. A long way to go to watch a football draw might even be enough to put Mervyn Day's side in pole have a better goal difference due to the second meanest de-

fence in the Division. That record was at the fore-front of Day's thoughts yesterday as two of those respondo not come from others but sible for it were limping, not from within - and there are strutting, around the corri-dors of Brunton Park.

so Carlisle United fans who teopath — Day ricked his back on the coach to Torquay set off at 6am on Saturday - the Carlisle manage bound for Torquay the journey home was not full of ineight months explained that ternal queries on the limits of the teenager Will Varty had sanity.

Carlisle won 2-1, stayed picked up an Achilles injury on the south coast and Stésecond in the Third Division phane Pounewatchy had been kicked in training yesterday behind Fulham and vindicated viewing the 720 mile morning. Varty's six-week lay-off is a problem but the round trip as a sign of passion

bria two months ago. The post-Bosman era has been marked by exotic transfers and there are about 120 foreigners playing outside the Premiership alone. That, ac-cording to the Football League, is an increase of roughly 40 per cent over 12 months, a situa-

tion some within the game find Day has some sympathy with that argument but not in they are just brought over as cannon fodder and as an alter-

native to paying transfer fees, then I disagree," he said. "But if they are good play-ers like Stephane, and good role models, then it is not a bad thing. If I could find four or five with Stephane's qualities and demeanour, then I would have them."

Consequently foreign agents play an increasingly important role in the life of an his boisterous chairman Michael Knighton had to go via one of them to get Pounewatchy. Tipped of that he was on trial at Southend. they got him up to Carlisle, saw three minutes of him play in a friendly against Kil-marnock and decided they

had seen enough. There was no transfer fee of course but, as Pounewatchy's valuation between French clubs was around £500,000, there are serious wages in-volved. The big amiable 28year-old has sad eyes but he seems happy with the money.

he is also enioving his too hall and playing in a new at-mosphere. "Bastia want me to sign and now they are second. in the French League but I wanted a different experience and I wanted to play in Eng-

English. Reggiana, promoted to Serie A, also voiced an interest when Pounewatchy's twoyear contract with Gueuenon expired at the end of last sea-

English manager and Day and | Gueugnon were relegated Martigues. Pounewatchy had previously been captain for four years. The Parisian had started at Racing Club of Paris as a

schoolboy but at 19 gave up

football at his father's behest

to go back to college for two years to qualify as an It is not something he regrets but it may have hindered his chances of a France cap, a missing asset that has implications for him now. "I

know it is difficult if you are not an international because ou don't get picked up immediately. "It was hard to me to accept the drop in standards but it's

okay, it's different. We are second in the table and the more I play the better I get land," he said in useful and the more people know

Pounewatchy likes the stadium, his team-mates and the staff at Carlisle. The one staff at Carlisle. The one newcomer, Warwick's Grathing, he said that has been a ham Barber, has averaged culture shock was the bus son. One point below Lille, trip to Torquay.

Pleat to address referee semina

HE Football Association, recognising that relations between managers and referees have sunk to an all-time low, yesterday took a practical step toward easing the strain. League ref erees are holding a seminar in the Midlands next weekend and the FA has asked Shef-field Wednesday's manager David Pleat to address their on the growing gulf between bench and pitch.

John Barnwell, chief executive of the League Managers asked to attend and to bring at least one other prominen manager to air the problems. "It's a forum for the manag ers to get their feelings across," said an FA spokes

man," and no doubt they will seize the opportunity. No fewer than four managers have been placed on disrepute charges this season, and Sun-derland's Peter Reid seams about to join them.

The record spate of yellow

led to increasingly vocal touchlines protests about in-flexible and inconsistent refereeing. Dismissals are running at their usual level — a dozen in 79 games — but cau tions have already reached 291, an average of almost 3.7 per game. This is a significant increase on, for example, the 1.8 average for the 1993-94 Premiership season.

Certain referees, notably

Blaby's Paul Danson and the newcomer Michael Riley of Leeds, figure prominently in the controversy. When Ban-son sent off Sunderland's Martin Scott and Paul Stew Arsenal he took his tally to 22 cautions and three dismiss in five games. Reid's touch line protests saw him han ished to the stands to await an inevitable summons to Lancaster Gate.

In August Danson report

Coventry's managerial pair Ron Atkinson and Gordon Strachen after more harsh words at Chelsea, where they alleged that he failed to spot e clear handball before the first home goal in City's 2-0 defeat. Riley's first week on the Premiership list saw both Southampton's Graeme Sou-ness and Middlesbrough's Bryan Robson reported. Riley. booked nine players and sent off Middlesbrough's Nige Pearson in the 1-1 draw at Nottingham Forest, whose manager Frank Clark could not remember a bad tackle in the game. Robson described

the handling of the game as "farcical". Riley has issued 21 cautions and two dismissals in his four games. Another Premiership more than six yellow cards in each of his four games.

Miller follows fans' early exit | Wright makes and walks out on Hibernian peace with Pleat

LEX MILLER yesterday Abecame the third Scottish Premier Division manager to lose his job this season when he resigned his job with Hibernian. Unlike the other two. Jimmy Thomson of wood of Dundee United, Miller chose to walk.

Miller had been regularly harangued by supporters in recent months as the once formidable Easter Road club continued to decline. His position evidently became untenable at the weekend when Hearts in the Edinburgh

The team went 3-0 behind before the interval and some fans were already leaving the ground before the second half. The Hibernian chairman Douglas Cromb yesterday accepted the resignation of have 20 months of his contract remaining.

Miller spent 10 years at Easter Road and the chairman

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at the time the club was on the brink of closure a few years ago. "He stood by the club in the darkest days," said Cromb, "and even went

Cromb is anxious to find a quick replacement and will almost certainly look for another Scot. He has noted that other Scottish clubs have tried "foreign" managers, in over two incidents in the cluding Englishmen, and it has not worked out.

on to win the League Cup that

"It's a big task for us," added Cromb, "because we want a quality man and there are not many to choose from. rule out Ray Wilkins, the former QPR player-manager who is currently on a month's contract at Easter Road.

Hibernian have little spare money and will be looking for a man not bound to another open the door for Alex Smith. formerly of Aberdeen and most recently Clyde, or Steve Archibald, who left East Fife

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The assistant manager Jocky Scott takes over in the revealed, refused jobs abroad | interim.

Results

AN WRIGHT has apolo-igised to David Pleat for comments made in a national newspaper when he was reported as calling the Sheffield Wednesday manager "a pervert".

over remark

rather than madness. Further

reward may come tonight; if Carlisle beat Rochdale and

The Arsenal striker's remarks came after Pleat had reported him to the FA match at Highbury after TV footage showed Wright pulling the dreadlocks of the Dutch midfielder Regi Blinker and stamping on the Yugoslav defender De-Insistence on a Scot would jan Stefanovic. The FA has written to Wright about the

comments. But on Sky television Wright said: "It was just a joke" and added: "It was said in a jovial manner at the end of a very long day. People were firing all sorts of questions and I didn't think it would be published. It was not meant to offend anyone and I can't apologise enough. I have spoken to David Pleat and I'm very pleased that he ac-

cepted my apology."
Aston Villa's chairman
Doug Ellis has intervened in the dispute between Paul McGrath and the Coca-Cola Cup holders, urging the player to stay at the club and fight to regain his first-

team place. McGrath, who has put in a written transfer request, was left out of the squad for last night's game at Newcastle following a row with Brian Little. The Villa manager accused the player of suggesting that the club were trying to prevent him moving after Coventry decided not to pursue their interest on discovering the asking price was £200,000. "I think the world of Paul and don't want him to leave." Ellis said. "I would

just simply ask him to be patient and work hard to get back into the side." Southampton yesterday signed the Norwegian international striker Egil Ostenstad from Viking Stavanger in a £900.000 deal.

absence of Pounewatchy is a

crisis because the Frenchman

has been outstanding since

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GOH WORLD RANKINGS Leading po-attionses 1. G Norman (Aus) 10.30pts; 2. E. Sis (SA) 8.85; 3. C Montgomerie (Scot) 8.76; 4. N Faito (Eng) 8.73; 5. 7 Lehman (US) 8.47; 8. F Couples (US) 8.13; 7. M Ozala (Japant 8.25; 8. C Pavin (US) 8.6; 9. P Mickleson (US) 7.72; 10, M O'Meara (US) 6.94, 11, D Love III (US) 6.72; 12, S Elsing-ton (Aus) 6.55; 13. N Price (Zim) 4.20; 14. S Langer (Ger) 8.00; 15. S Stricker (US) 5.55; 16. L Roberts (US) 5.48; 17. D Duval (US) 5.36; 18. M McCumber (US) 5.34; 19, 5 Hoch (US) 5.18; 20, V Singh (Fiji) 5.16. Other Gale 24, I Woostsum (Wales) 4.59; 41, S Torrance (Scot) 3.41, 64, B Lane (Engl 1.36; 58, A Cottart (Scot) 2.25; 66, D Clarke (Nij 1.85; 93, L Westwood (Eng) 1.76; 96, P McGinley (Ire) 1.73.

TENTIAS

SINGAPORE OPEN: First round: T Johansson (Swe) bt S Orager (Aus) 6-4, 2-6, 6-3; J Shark (US) bt J-F Flourisn (Fr) 5-7, 6-3, 6-3, A Othorskiy (Pus) bt T Srichaphan (Thai) 8-2, 8-0, O Stafford (SA) bt M Damm (CA) 7-6, 6-0, C Restuc (Fr) bt M Goowin (SA) 6-3, 6-3; P Raffer (Aus) bt S Matsucha (Japan) 6-4, 8-2; S Schafford (Neith) bt M Witander (Swe) 6-2, 6-2

LYOM CAMED PROCE First retack M TSS-shrom (Swe) bt F Dewnii (Bel) 8-4, 6-7, 7-6; M Qualitatism (Swe) bt F Rensberg (US) 7-6, 6-2.

Strom (Swe) by F Dewyll (Bel) 6-4, 6-7, 7-6, 38 (gustafasson (Swe) bt R Ramsberg (US) 7-6, 8-2. LEADERG ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sempras (US) 4,740,78, 2, M Chang (US) 4,010; 3, T Mustar (Aut) 3,512, 4, G leanhaselet (Gro) 2,181; 6, Y Kafesharo (Rus) 3,021, 6, W Ferreira (SA) 2,701; 7, B Becker (Ger) 2,886; 6, H Krajicak (Nejm) 2,434; 9, A Agassi (US) 2,292; 10, M Rico (Chue) 2,101; 11, M Washington (US) 1,891; 12, T Martin (US) 1,805; 13, T Enqvizt (Swe) 1,786; 14, J Courier (US) 1,750, 15, Costa (Spi 1,750, 18, F Martinia (Spi 1,576; 17, C Polome (P) 1,557; 18, A Berasstagul (Spi 1,479; 19, M Phillippousels (Aus) 1,448; 20, S Ediberg (Swe) 1,430. \$PARKASSEN CUP WOMEN'S GRAND PRIX (Leipzig): First rounds 5 Appal-

amanusassan cum wonern's Grand PRBM (Leipzig): First rounds & Appel-reuns (Bei) bir G Pizzchini (ti) 6-2, 6-2; N Suitova (Cz) bit A Gaelle Sidox (Fr) 7-5. 6-3; K Po (US) bir N Teuziet (Fr) 5-7, 6-2; 6-3; K Habsadosa (Slovak) bir E Lithovi-sova (Rus) 6-1, 6-1; R Dragoenis (Rom) bir 5 Table (Ero) 6-1, 6-1

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Hockey

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BEN'S WORLD CUP (Cagliari): Group As Karaistan O. Chino O: Weles 3. Egypt 2. Positions 1. Switzer land 3pts; 2 Weles 3; 3. Canada 1; 4. New Zealand 1; 5. Chino 1; 6. Nazakstan 1: 7. Egypt 0. Group St. Poland 2. US 1; Kenya 1. Italy 3. Bangta-desh 0. Ireland 7. Positionss 1. Ireland 6; 2. Poisand 6; 3. Italy 2 4. Bengtadesh 5; 5. Scotland 0; 6. US 0; 7. Kenya 0

REMSON & HEDGES CUP: Quarter-finals, first leg: Manchester 2, Ayr 4, PREMIER LEAGUE: Guildford 9, Medway 4; Peter berough 2, Kingston 11; Solhull 4, Siouph 3; Swindon 7, Taiford 9 (abnded of 54-5) MONTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Blackburn 8, Whitley 4, Fife 7, Palstoy 4; Mustay-field 4, Castleraugh 3.

Snooker REGAL MASTERS (Motherwell). Plant P Ebdon (Eng) of A McManua (Scot) 8-8. **Table Tennis** WOMEN'S WORLD CUP (Hong Kong): Semi-firater D Yepley (China) bt M Syentson (Swe) 21-13, 21-14, 21-11; Yang Ying (China) to Wang Chen (China) 21-18, 21-15, 21-5. Finals Deng bi Yang 21-18, 21-16, 21-17. Third place play-offs Wang bi Syentson 23-21, 21-18.

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● The American Kimberly Po beat Namelia Tautiot of France 5-7, 6-2, 6-3 yesterday to set up a second-round meeting with Steff Graf in the Leipzig WTA tournament Graf had a first-round

Athletics

Nebiolo diktat undermines Commonwealth Games

Duncan Mackay in Palma

HE 1998 Commonwealth Games may become a econd-rate event as ton athletes chase cash at the World Cup. During Sunday's World Half Marathon Champion-ships here Primo Nebiolo. ships here Primo Nebiolo, president of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, revealed the cup dates in Johannesburg: they will finish on September 13, one day be-fore the athletics begins at the Games in Kuala Lumpur.

Nebiolo is determined to

protect the quality of future IAAF competitions by banning other events held in direct conflict. As further enticement for athletes to turn up, the IAAF is also awarding prize-money at its champion-ships and cup meetings from next year. The world's leading athletes

have long lobbied for money to be available. Three years ago Michael Johnson and other top American competi-Stuttgart World Championships. The offer of Mercedes cars to gold medailists did the Nebiolo is under pressure

from sponsors to ensure that IAAF events are of the highest standard. Sunday's championships lost runners to the Ber-lin marathon and a big road race in Luxembourg. This is the last time there will be competition on the

same day as an IAAF event." Nebiolo said. "All competitions must have a special permit and we will not give one to any event in competition with ours. We have the strength to control the sport. We can do what we want because we are the governing body."

The dates for the Common wealth Games have been

known for more than two years but the only compromise Nebiolo is prepared to allow is the waiver of a new three or four-day window to be put around IAAF events. Officials of the Common-wealth Games Federation ad-

mitted yesterday, they were aware of the problem. But Netors threatened to boycott the biolo is in no mood to back down "They must fit in wift us," he said

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Wasps reinforce super-club plan

ASPS are rejecting Will Carling's con-troversial view that "there aren't 500 good players in the Courage leagues" but they agree with the former England cap-tain that league rugby has overvalued itself.

Wasps also support Car-ling's blueprint for the devel-opment of English rugby through a series of powerful "super-clubs".

Rob Smith, Wasps' coach, yesterday insisted there were "potentially far more than 500 good players" in England of League One standard.

"It's a question of focusing on young players."

on young players and giving them a chance," said Smith, who has guided Wasps to the joint League leadership along side Harlequins, Carling's club. "At present the short-term answer is for clubs to buy a team by offering contracts to proven players from around the world."

This year Wasps have Smith, with its more entermendous interes geared their recruitment taining style of play and catchment area."

drive to such promising improved playing arenas.

young English players as There is a tremendously Alex King, Paul Sampson, Nick Greenstock and Simon Nick Greenstock and Simon Mitchell, All have played in League One this season. "Now that professionalism

has arrived you can change players quite rapidly if they fail to perform." said Smith.
"But I believe you must also develop talented youngsters to achieve long-term stability." He agrees with Carling that English club rugby has priced itself too highly because it has not set to be a set of the control cause it has not yet come to terms with professionalism.
"Everything in the game

has been overvalued, largely because the players were in this beautiful position of being able to say 'Somebody' down the road will pay me more' when contracts were agreed. Last season the RFU's stupid moratorium stopped the clubs acting quickly and allowed the cost of contracts to keep on going up and up."
Nevertheless league rugby
was becoming more attrac-

but now the standard is higher, better grounds are regarded as important and the European dimension will create greater public interest." create Carling's proposal that League One should evolve into a series of super-clubs which function as centres of

positive attitude throughout

excellence for players in different age-groups has previ-ously been floated by Wasps. "We don't need the RFU divisions to produce sides on a par with the better provin-cial teams of New Zealand and South Africa," said Smith. "But we do need the game to be restructured around the leading clubs to raise standards of play and enable us to compete with the top Southern Hemisphere sides. Each club could serve as a focus for a large part of tive to television, suggested the country and generate tre-smith, with its more enter-mendous interest within its

Welsh clubs rumble on towards breakaway

David Plummer on moves this week that may bring independence in the Principality

HE long-running dis-pute between the Welsh Rugby Union and its 12 First Division clubs will finally come to a head this week. The clubs, who have been demanding the independence to run their own competitions, are meeting on Friday when they expect to hear details of a television and sponsorship package which would fund a breakaway. The WKU called a special

general committee meeting last night to draw up a plan of campaign should the clubs decide to recommend a state of independence to their members.

The WRU's secretary Richard Jasinski wrote to the First Division clubs last month asking to meet them. individually. Jasinski said he was disappointed that the Anglo-Welsh Cup has failed to take off. He has accused the Welsh clubs of using it as a political football, demanding the competition only to field weak. Scarlets have been hit by

with the Rugby Football Union and the Welsh and English First Division of last week and could be clubs earlier this month to put a structure to the tournament and get money for our sides from television,"

he said. "We had a £500,000 offer on the table but the clubs failed to turn up. It seems to me that an attempt is being made to destabilise the running of the game by the unions. We are accused of not doing this or that but, when we put some-thing together, the clubs undermine us."

The Anglo-Welsh Cup continues tonight when the English champions Bath

team this morning. The Andy Reed, the former

They hope the former New Zealand fly-half Franc Botica will be able to make his debut while his former All Black colleague, the prop Steve McDowell, ar-rived in Llanelli at the end

drafted into the front row. Llanelli were yesterday in talks with Orrell to secure Botica's services. The RFU has said it will not sanction the New Zealand-er's move until Llanelli have paid a fee for his iransfer.

Meanwhile referees in Wales are demanding to be paid for taking charge of league matches from Divisions One to Five. They have submitted a £120,000 package for the season backdated to August 31.

The secretary of the Welsh Referees Society visit Llanelli but both Hugh Banfield said: "We teams will field weakened sides. Bath play the New we have a situation this season where, if our references do exchange matches in four of the side that defeated West Hartlepool on nothing while the English Saturday.
Llanelli will finalise their each."

Bath, Scotland and Lions ened teams, thereby scaring off sponsors and the presence of lock, will make his waspe scaring off sponsors and three players in the Welsh debut in their Anglo-Welsh squad which travels to game against Neath at Sud-



Putting the master ill at ease

David Davies on why Bernhard Langer has only two events left in got to do something. He can't be competitive putting like which to save his 16-year winning record on the European Tour

lasting records in golf could be broken by the end of this month. In each of the past 16 years Bernhard Langer has won an event on the European Tour, the longest such run recorded in Europe and one fully indicative of the German's position

in the world of golf. However, unless Langer can win either the German Masters, which begins in Berlin this week or the Volvo Masters on October 24-27 at Valderrama in Spain, it will On that as on the previous oc-come to an end and, in today's casions Langer found a way

being repeated. But the fact that he has got this far is in itself remark-able, for while Langer is one of the most talented golfers ever to emerge in Europe, he is a player who, more than most, is dictated to by his putting. When it is good, he is brilliant, and he once finished a season in which he played largely in America as the leader of their putting

sunk when the yips have taken over. He once five-putted in the Open Champion-ship and all that his exceedingly loyal caddie, Peter Coleman, will say about that noment — on the 17th green at Royal Lytham & St Annes in 1988 — is that his boss was trying hard on every one of

them.
That was the third visitation of a putting disease whose name most golfers do not dare to speak, it being held to be highly infectious. ing a crouched and contrived method of getting the ball into the hole. He placed his left right hand on to the top of the grip, trapping it between his hand and his left forearm. It looked ridiculous, but it succeeded in doing what it had to do: to lock the left wrist and prevent it from making that

involuntary twitch which is the source of the yips. However, the late and great

NE of the proudest, | which he has occasionally | in any physical manifestation, summed up the problem by saying: "Once you've had 'em, you've got 'em," and so it

and has now spread to the rest of his eame.

After last week's Smurfit near Dublin, where Langer finished 38th, he lay, overall, highly competitive atmo- round his problems, invent | with his record. Despite those | church work. ways managed enough good tournaments to finish in the hand down at the bottom of top 10 in Europe, and for the ing a fading career, they will the putter grip and locked his past six years he has not been lie in the fact that this week's out of the top five.

chance of doing that after a season in which, apart from losing a play-off for the French Open to Robert Allenby, he has not recorded a Tour have been achieved

They turned out to be prophetic words. Langer experimented with the long putter, but rejected it, and by the time he decided that it was the only answer, his game Despite another change of had gone into decline. It got putting styles — he has gone so bad at the US Open in June to the long putter - there is a that in one untypical, and noticeable lack of confidence later withdrawn, outburst, he about the man which began said that if things did not imon the greens earlier this year | prove immediately, he would

That option must remain a possibility. Langer has won in Ceylon but raised in Aus-European Open at The K Club | more than £5 million in | tralia, for whom he played Europe alone and does not seven Tests. He toured Engfinished 38th, he lay, overall, want for money. Also, as a land with Australia's 1979
41st in the Volvo rankings, an committed Christian, he has World Cup side and gained amazing position for a man long wanted to get involved in further experience in club with his record. Despite those church work.

wait. If Langer has any grounds for hope in resurrect-ing a fading career, they will tournament is in Germany. This year he has almost no and he has an amazing record

single top 10 finish.

The problems began in March in Florida where he anything can rekindle his statistics.

However, the late and great
Equally the reverse applies Henry Longhurst, knowing
and no good player has ever that the real cause of the yips experienced the depths to lies in the mind rather than his putting was such that it people can.

However, the late and great was hitting the ball as well as at any time in his career. But his putting was such that it people can.

Cricket

Lancs sign Sri Lanka coach

David Hopps

ANCASHIRE continued fair with Australian coaches by naming Dav Whatmore yesterday as their new bead coach. Old Trafford, already home to the best oneday side in the country, will hope that Whatmore's creative and placid manner will improve a championship re-cord little short of embarrassing.

Whatmore might not be the

most acclaimed of the Austra-lians but no one can claim over the past year to have been more successful. As Sri Lanka's team manager he was primarily responsible for fosering the harmonious and imaginative atmosphere which was the basis of their unexpected World Cup

Sri Lanka's World Cup success, however, has not been without its petty politicking and Whatmore's patience is finally spent. As long as Arjuna Ranatunga remains as Sri Lanka's captain, power will remain largely in his province. Early last summer less than three months after Sri Lanka's World Cup win, Whatmore was quietly inves-tigating coaching possibilities

Whatmore, with a measure of relief, has begun to negoti-ate his release with the Sri Lankan board. Although he retains great affection for the country of his birth, his family failed to settle, partly because of the ongoing civil war against the Tamil Tigers, and returned to Australia.

"It's hard to explain all the frustrations but life can become very complicated over here," he said. "T've not al-ways found things entirely straightforward. Lancashire have given me a chance to prove myself in English firstclass cricket and that is a great opportunity."
Bob Bennett, Lancashire's

chairman, said: "Dav is a proven winner and I'm delighted that he's coming to Old Trafford. He has experience at international level both as player and coach and was very keen to join us."
Whatmore — whose first

name is Davanell -- was born

Many of his coaching ideas were developed at the Victoria Academy of Sport in Melbourne. Lancashire's players can expect a placid coach who is willing to look sympathetically on the heavy demands of an English

Lancashire, who failed with overtures to two other Australians, Dennis Lillee and Allan Border, concluded negoti-ations last week in Nairobi. where Sri Lanka are compet ing in a quadrangular tournament.

ice Hockey

Lynch dares Eagles to go for the kill

Vic Batchelder

HE Ayr Scottish Eagles are unbeaten in eight games but their coach Jim Lypch is looking for his birds of prey to develop a killer in-stinct. On Sunday they did enough to beat an injury-hit Manchester Storm 4-2 in the first leg of the Benson & Hedges Cup quarter-final in Manchester Goals from Sam Groleau,

Vince Boe, Angelo Catenaro and Alan Schuler against one each from Craig Woodcroft and Brad Rubachuk for the home side mean Ayr take a two-goal advantage into Sat-urday's return in Scotland. But that country's only Superleague team, formed during the summer, should have had "another five or six" according to their mentor on his first night coaching from the team bench. Contractual problems over

Lynch's summer move from the Dumfries Vikings were resolved last week and Lynch had watched Ayr's six B & H qualifying games, in which they dropped one point, and last week's opening Super-league draw with Basingstoke from the public seating.
"It gave me a good perspec-

higher, not worrying about line changes and situations in the game you get to read things and store them in your head a little easter," said the coach who has gathered an impressive collection of European and North American talent, left by the 37-year-old former Czach international forward Jirl Lala

Sunday's Premier League game at Swindon was abandoned after a pane of protec-tive glass above the boards surrounding the ice shattered three minutes from time. The league minst rule on a claim by visiting Tefford, who led 3-7 at the time, that the score should stand and the points be examined to them.

Promotion has Lowes on a high

Andy Wilson in Lautoka

REAT BRITAIN's third tour game takes place against a Fijian President's XIII here tomorrow an inauspicious place to make one's debut as an international captain. Captain Bligh spotted it in 1789 from his launch after the mutineers

threw him off HMS Bounty.
James Lowes has no such
worries. Bradford Bulls' 26year-old hooker was delighted to accept Phil Larder's invita-tion to lead the Lions' mid-week side. His Test prospects are slim and the midweek captaincy is very much up for grabs in so young a party, especially now that Daryl Powell, Larder's first choice in Papua New Guinea last Wednesday, has forced his way into the Test squad.

Lowes, an aggressive, in-dustrious and talkative player, could be a good choice. He made a low-key in-ternational debut for Ireland against Scotland in August but scored one try and had another two disallowed on his first Lions appearance in Papua New Guinea. He captained Leeds several times in the centenary season before moving to Odsal last winter.



Rugby League

half-back Tony Smith ex-celled in the two victories in PNG, not least as a second-half replacement for Cunningham at hooker, and he is also rested for Saturday's Test at Madi.

Smith is replaced as midweek scrum-half by Tulsen Tollett, a London Bronco who speaks with an Australian accent even though he has English parents and was born

in Hastings.

There are a number of other changes with significance for Saturday's Test team. Joey Hayes, Terry O'Connor and Chris Joynt and Chris C all named in tomorrow's starting XIII. Lowes's tour room-mate Brian McDermott, also of Bradford, played well at Mount Hagen last Wednes-day and is favourite to replace O'Connor in the front

Hayes and Joynt are still in the running, though, espe-cially with Alan Hunte (back) and Rowland Phillips (skin infection) both out. Jonathan Roper's knee injury could be more serious and a decision on his prospects for the rest of

on his prospects for the rest of the trip will be made today. The President's XIII — the President in question being the Prime Minister Sitiveni Rabuka — is composed al-most entirely of players from the national competition. Only three of them have experience of the Australian Op-

Their Test team, captained by the brilliant Canberra winger Noa Nadruku and in-cluding the Sheffield pair Mala Yasa and Waisale Sovatabua and Bradford's Joe Tamani, will be far stronger.

American Football

Giants repel Vikings raid to put bite back into Big Apple

Mark Tran in New York

THE New York Giants restored the flagging spirits of gridiron fans in the Big Apple when they defeated the previously unbeaten Minnesota Vikings 15-0 on Sunday.

For the Giants — who, along with their city rivals, the Jets, have had a poor start to the season — it was a sur-prising win and suddenly they are being talked about as contenders for the NFC East title, now that the Dallas Cowboys no longer look so invulnerable.

invulnerable.

Although the Giants had broken their duck the previous week by beating the Jets in a match that had been dubbed the Losers' Bowi, they were the underdogs against a Vikings side still basking in the close of their win against the glow of their win against the Green Bay Packers, many people's pick for the Super Bowl

But the Giants prevailed through a combination of stalwart defence and some un-characteristically aggressive play-calling from their normally conservative coach Dan

The game turned on a crucial play late in the third quarter as the Giants trailed 7-6. On fourth and one, just ouiside Minnesota's endzone, Reeves could have chosen the sensible course and gone for the field goal and a two-point

Instead he gambled on a running play by Rodney

On the next play Reeves opted for some trickery. Dave Brown, the quarterback faked a hand-off to Hampton and instead gave the ball to Aaron Pierce, the half-back, on a reverse from right to left. Pierce high-stepped into the endzone with a Viking vainly tugging at his dark blue jer-sey. An 18-yard field goal completed an excellent after-

noon for the Giants. "They can't take a lot away from you if you beat a 4-0 team that has the players they have and have beaten the teams they beat," Reeves said afterwards. "It wasn't a fluke. Yeah, they may not have been as up, playing a 1-3 team, as they should have been, but there wasn't anything fluky

about it." While the gloom lifted for the Giants, there was no respite for the Jets as they were beaten 31-16 by the resurgent Washington

Despite purchasing the quarterback Neil O'Donnell from the Pittsburgh Steelers in their pre-season spending spree, the Jets appear to have paid a great deal of money for a lot of dross.
If the Jets' defeat was pre-

dictable, those of the Carolina Panthers and the Kansas City Chiefs were not. The Panthers, who had beaten the San Francisco 49ers the previous week, went down to the Jacksonville Jaguars, and the old Dutchman Sjeng Schalken Chiefs lost to the San Diego in the first round of the Singa-

Chargers.
The 49ers and the Packers showed their resilience by Hampton, who drove them to bouncing back from the previwithin one yard of the scoring ous week's defeats with comfortable wins.

Gales slow the challengers

ALE-force headwinds throughout the first day of the BT Global Challenge did not diminish the battle at the front of the fleet. The leaders covered only 160 miles in those 24 hours, which was indicative of the hard going, and early yesterday evening Toshiba Wave Warrior was a mile ahead of her nearest rival.

Wave Warrior, skippered by Simon Walker, picked up

the lead overnight from the early leader, Mike Golding in Group 4 Securitas, but towards the end of the day across the Bay of Biscay.

the top 20 on the ATP com-puter. His quest begins today

beaten 6-2, 6-2 by the 20-year-

Golding began to close on his rival by staying further to the north. As the light began to fade. Wave Warrior was 36 miles from the Isle of Ushant off north-west France, closer

on the wind.

The difference was a knot in boat speed, enough to put Securitas back in front before Ushant was passed, probably around midnight. The gales may then have given way to more moderate winds and these should have veered into

Golding was having his work cut out trying to hold off Concert, captained by Chris Tibbs, a veteran of two Whit-bread Races. Like Wave Warrior, however, Concert was further south and having to to the French coast than Golding and having to sail hard point high to clear the hea lands along the Brittany

Richard Tudor had moved up in the rankings to fourth with Nuclear Electric, the boat that won the British Steel Challenge four years ago. Paul Bennett's Ocean Rover was then four miles

Sport in brief

The British No.1 Tim Hen-man has moved up one place to 32 in the world rankings. the highest of his career. Henman will now play in six successive tournaments in Europe ir an effort to reach when he meets France's Guy | burdanidze, and is in conten-Forget in the first round of tion for the individual gold the Lyon Grand Prix.

No. 1 Mats Wilander was

Chess

With two rounds to go, England are the revelation of the nament in Cagliari, Italy, Cardiff Ice Rink l 70-nation women's Olympiad when they beat Egypt 3-2 in ing from a virus.

at Erevan in Armenia, writes i the second phase of group Leonard Barden. The No. 15 games. But the win was seeds share fourth place, bat-marred when their captain seeds share fourth place, bat-tling for the medals with China and three ex-Soviet squads. Surrey's Susan Lalic, 30, has been awarded the international master title at men's level, a first for a Brit-

over China's Xie Jun by drawing with another ex-world land Warriors full-back and champion, Georgia's Maia Cistand-off. Warrington have medal with 914/12. In the Sweden's former world men's competition Russia are No. 1 Mats Wilander was three points clear with two rounds left and virtually assured of the team gold.

Lalic followed up her win

Hockey

ish woman.

Wales enjoyed their first taste of victory in the men's World Cup preliminary round tourtwo minutes from time for his second yellow-card offence of

Rugby League Warrington are attempting to

sign the New Zealander Nigel Vagana, a 23-year-old Auck-land Warriors full-back and made an offer for Vagana whose Auckland club-mate, the forward Tony Tatupu, is also set to join them.

Boxing

Robbie Regan has been forced to pull out of the first defence of his WBO bantamweight title on October 19. Regan was due to defend against Scotland's Drew Docherty at the Cardiff Ice Rink but is sufferThe man who talks to horses, page 13

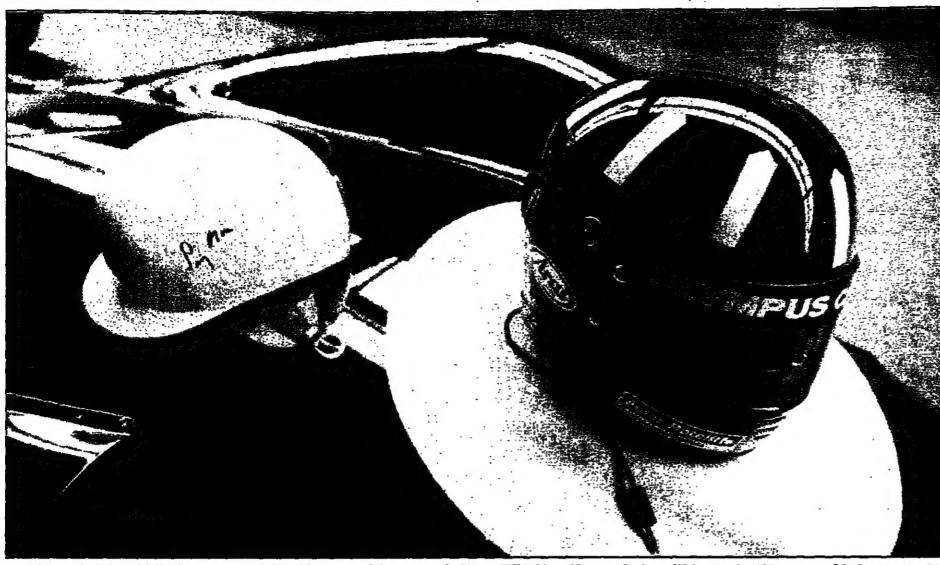
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MOTOR-RACING MEMORABILIA UNDER THE HAMMER



Hat-trick . . . the helmet Stirling Moss were throughout his career and the one worn by Damon Hill in his maiden grand prix qualifying race in 1992 were two of the items among 1.18

Hooydonk faces suspension

Patrick Glenn on why Celtic are at their wits end with the 'disruptive' Dutch striker

their Dutch striker Pierre van Hooydonk after drop-ping him for Saturday's Old Firm match amid claims that the player had been responsible for breaches of club discipline.

The Celtic chairman Fergus McCann and the manager Tommy Burns vesterday pointed out that the term's of Van Hooydonk's contract permit such a course of action.

simply replace them.'
Van Hooydonk claimed, during a widely-

aired defence on radio and in the press, that he was being forced out of Parkhead although he insisted he had not asked for a move.

McCann countered. "At a meeting in my office 10 days three other people, including myself, were present, he told "If he or any other player us that if he didn't get an in-

months to run. All he wants is more money without the further commitment." Burns also revealed that

the 28-year-old Van Hooydonk, who was yesterday named in the Holland squad to face Wales on Saturday, had told him at the end of last season that Feyenoord were interested in signing him and

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he wanted to join them.

Van Hooydonk, who has scored 52 goals since he away with this or getting signed from NAC Breda in away with that," said Burns.

considered for Celtic "he will

have to learn humility". The manager claimed that Van Hooydonk refused to take part in several commer-cial and charitable promo-tions for the club, had refused to join team-mates in pre-match warm-ups when told to, and had generally been

"Players are coming in here and asking how is he getting

our his contract in other ways, such as failing to turn up for Mick McCarthy's testimontal in Dublin during the spring and in refusing to speak to the media, including the club's Celtic View

newspaper.
. "This is the main medium for the club to speak to fans who pay hard-earned money to watch them and buy their sponsors' clothes and boots," aid the chairman. "There have been other incidents of a commercial and charitable nature where the player has refused to give his time, de-spite his contractual

The Van Hooydonk affair comes at a time when Celtic past two weeks they have had to endure public ridicule as

opened on the eve of the Coca-Cola quarter-final with Hearts, when a player leaked a story that there was dissatisfaction in the dressing-room over win bonuses.

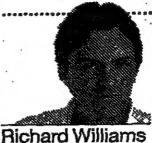
The timing of that outburst which brought bemuse ment to Celtic supporters who hear of under-achievers earning weekly five-figure sums was less than judicious.
 Since then Celtic have lost

three matches out of four. The two defeats by Ham-burg in the Uefa Cup are testimony to the gap between the Parkhead side and even the most ordinary of opponents. At the time Hamburg were thirteenth in the Bundesliga.

Everton see their Weah clear

"If there was a cabinet full of trophies here, you might bite the bullet and put up with some nonsense," said a well as elimination from the somewhat rueful Burns.

Joke is on the other foot for Gazza



£100,000 for the right to spend a year following him around with a television crew, do you really expect him to let you see and hear every-thing that goes on? Or does the payment, rather than buy-ing you unhindered access to his innermost secrets, more subtly reinforce his powers of exclusion and control?

Three years ago Graham Taylor kept his side of the bargain. Perhaps that says more about the former England manager's ingenuousness and vanity — the qualities that ul-timately betrayed his stewardship of the national

standing of the media. Chryss lis TV's director Ken McGill luck when Taylor handed him the horrifically watchable touchline material that has since been distilled into a national catchobrase.

Paul Gascoigne, by con-trast, is a far shrewder propo-sition. Or at least Mei Stein and Len Lezarus are. Fittingly Stein and Lazarus

- Gascoigne's London-based solicitor and accountant contract, he wanted to leave the club.

"He was told then, and it still goes, that we are prepared to better his wages if he existing agreement, which, don't forget, still has 21 months to run. All he wants is

kisses with their client they sit down to talk. "Obviously you know that there are several clubs now they've all spoken to Lario. That's Rangers, Cheises, Leeds and Villa. I mean, you

know, we find it sort of a little bit odd perhaps that Blackburn haven't actually come in at the death, given that Kenny has been such a fan of yours for years, but obviously that's their decision." Then Lazarus takes over.

"They've all actually talked with Lazio and tried to do a deal on the basis of X pounds down and further payments depending on how many matches you play for them," he says. "And whilst Lazio initially looked like they were prepared to consider that sort of deal, once they realised the demand, how many clubs were interested, they com-pletely changed their mind and it's now a cash-only des Gascoigne: "Mhm." Lazarus: "And, quite hon

that . . . they're talking about en four and five million counds." A minute or so later they decide on Rangers. "The u side," Stein says, "is that it's

estly, I mean you're talking about the sort of figures

obviously out of the firing lin in terms of England." Footballers and their age are often heard to compla about the intrustveness of the media. Yet here, acting on Gascoigne's behalf, Stein and Lazarus were apparently happy to provide access to pri third parties. Or at least the semblance of access.

There is nothing in Gazza's Coming Home to match the pellbinding grussomeness of the Taylor programme. We already knew that Gazza likes: drink, that he is most comfort able in the presence of his family and mates, that he scores wonderful goals, that his recent wedding rivalled the coronation of Emperor Jean Bedel Bokassa in its mo esty, and that he likes to wind people up. We are not surprised to learn that, for once he was the victim of a team mate's wind-up which led to the lamentable invisible-flu

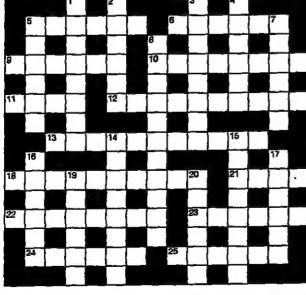
HE programme's only genuine revelation is the news that Rangers paid their players a bo-nus of \$25,000 for appearing in the home and away legs of the European Cup preliminary round tie against Famagusta last year, (No, not for the final; not even for the Champions

liminary round.) We learn this on being told of Gascoiene's amused response to the discomfiture of Ally McCoist, who raged against Walter Smith's decision not to send him on as a 90th-minute sub in that match, thus costing McCoist £12.500 - half of which he later recouped from Ian Dur rant, whose late injury forced

the change in Smith's plans. Elsewhere in the programme McGill's camera catches Gascoigne taking the mickey out of media people, tying a TV journalist in knots and pulling faces behind the back of the director of the Walkers Crisps ad. What it cannot do is catch him taking the mickey out of the makers of Gazza's Coming Home. But era range, he and Stein and Lazarus are probably still.

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- 5 Female elk exchanged for money (6)
- 6 Cuts restrigting Egyptian leader, a pyramid builder (6)
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- infiltrate secret service (6)
- 11 Fish with a tail (4) 12 Gasp around a concession
- —the man's a know-all (10)
- 13 Knocks before visit to

18 Church leaders making

- charge miscreant (11)
- speaking part (6) S Love to call on a musician (11) 14 Unkempt, extremely sloppy, admitting infatuation with
 - 15 Big boy receives warning. being no longer organic (8)
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lan Ross on Joe Royle's Italian mission to

sign the global choice as player of the year

VERTON have joined the chase for George Weah, the Milan and Liberia international striker who currently rejoices in the title of African, European and Fifa World Player of the Year. Argusbly the most com-plete forward in world foot-ball, he is also being courted by Arsenal, who formally instal Arsène Wenger as their new manager this morning. Everton's manager Joe

Royle flew to Italy on Sunday and watched covetously as

Weah's team-mate Marco Simone, the Italian interna-tional forward who could be

available at £8 million. but he has other irons in other fires. Last Thursday, for example, he lodged a bid of £1.6 million for Uwe Rösler. Manchester City's German

Royle would like to lure Weah away from Milan but but he and Wenger are uncon-

ers of impeccable pedigree to Florentina, something that Goodison Park and a move for may well have left him with a either Weah or Simone as well as Rösler cannot be

discounted.

Everton won for the first time in nine attempts at the weekend but Duncan Fergu-son and Paul Rideout the club's two most experienced forwards, both underwent surgery last week and will be unavailable for the foreseeable future.

Royle's journey to Italy was undertaken as speculation mounted on Merseyside that all is not well with Andrei Kanchelskis, who moved to and watched covetously as vinced that it is sound business practice to pay as much 3-0 Serie A win over Perugia.

Royle also took the opportunity to restate his interest in is determined to bring play-Everton from Manchester

may well have left him with a bad case of wanderlust

His sentiments yesterday were hardly calculated to reassure Royle of his willing ness to see out the remaining Goodison Park. "I am happy here but the Fiorentina thing was fact," he said. "I know they were inter-

ested in me. I was flattered by that interest but it is out of my hands. I am not looking to rock the boat but, when the time is right, why not Italy? As for Everton, he added, We need three or four more

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